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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe: To the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

1. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the rollout of the public service information and communications technology strategy; the amount that has been spent on it to date; the estimated amount to be spent; the security implications and data protection steps that have been taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [53464/17]

2. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his attention has been drawn to a report from the IMF (details supplied) that makes a range of recommendations regarding PPPs including that the State begin using a cost benefit analysis of them. — Jonathan O'Brien. [53507/17]

3. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress of the capital review; if the ten year plan will outline funding beyond the 2021 timeframe; the way in which it will coordinate with the national development plan; if it will incorporate a review on the role of PPPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [53590/17]

4. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to revise the national capital plan in view of the Climate Advisory Committee's report on the shortcomings of the national mitigation plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [53817/17]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe: To the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

5. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to reform freedom of information legislation. — Jonathan O'Brien. [53245/17]

6. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on the progress of flood defences in an area (details supplied); the next step in the works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [53473/17]

7. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which he will ensure that public servants that opt to work until 70 years of age will be doing so out of a desire to work as opposed to feeling compelled to do so for economic reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [53259/17]

8. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to improve the gender balance on each of the State boards under his remit. — Jonathan O'Brien. [53246/17]

9. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has satisfied himself with the functioning of the freedom of information system in place here under the Freedom of Information Act 2014; if he will consider amending section 44 of the act in order to give power to him to instruct the Information Commissioner to carry out a review of the operations of the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [53475/17]

10. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his department provides funding to organisations (details supplied) to facilitate pay restoration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [53432/17]

11. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on whether the guidelines for public procurement are being applied consistently throughout the public service; the specific measures that have been implemented to ensure that there is adherence to the rules on public procurement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [53462/17]

12. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which in the context of the capital review programme he expects to be in a position to make provision for the projects previously identified as being integral to crucial infrastructure investment; if he will extend the remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53471/17]

13. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on the civil service people strategy 2017 to 2020 and on the way in which this is being delivered to create a high performing civil service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [53255/17]

14. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the development of the Enniscorthy flood defence scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [53251/17]

15. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the rolling selective spending review process which will take place in his department in 2017 to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [53247/17]

16. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to address pay inequality within the public sector. — Jonathan O'Brien. [53243/17]

17. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the flooding projects undertaken in 2017; the projects planned for 2018; the status of CFRAM; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [53461/17]

18. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has satisfied himself that section 27 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 is functioning properly; if all agencies that come under freedom of information following the Act are applying fees and charges in relation to FOI requests in an open and transparent manner; if guidelines are issued to the agencies with regard to calculating fees and charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [53476/17]

19. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding for the flood relief works that are needed in Mountmellick and Portarlinton, County Laois will be committed to once a final plan is presented by Laois county council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [53248/17]

20. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which his department plans to incorporate further reforms throughout the services with a view to achieving better value for money, improved economic impact and delivery of services to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53472/17]

21. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of progress by his department in acquiring the new site identified in recent months for Bailieborough Garda station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53256/17]

22. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to develop a coordinated national coastal plan to prioritise the most at risk inhabited and to develop a unified approach to the management of coastal erosion nationwide. — Clare Daly. [53063/17]

23. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount spent by department and public body and the total cost of public relations services in the past 10 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [53431/17]

24. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the steps being taken to prevent further damage to dunes at Portrane, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [53466/17]

25. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount available over the next two years for flood relief works; if he will assign a sufficient amount for capital works in the Mountmellick and Portarlinton areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [53249/17]

26. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which the existing public sector pay agreements are helping to address staff shortages in front line public services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [50835/17]

27. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the commitment in relation to the completion of the A5 motorway to Derry and Letterkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [53263/17]

28. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when flood defence construction works will advance in the upper Lee for areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [53474/17]

29. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the proposed outcomes under the third progress report on the implementation of the civil service renewal plan and in particular on the way in which the 25 specific actions in four key areas will improve the performance of departments of State which have been the subject of recent public criticism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [53253/17]

30. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the pension and public pay restoration to be carried out under FEMPI by department and public body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [53430/17]

31. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on the key actions to improve public services under the our public service 2020 plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [53254/17]

32. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if studies have taken place to determine the number of persons displaced by the retirement age, impacting on those 65 to 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53250/17]

33. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for the Office of Public Works to purchase property for State organisations in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the stages in negotiation for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53257/17]

34. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans arising from a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [53433/17]

35. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the €788 million below profile announced in the fiscal monitor will be returned to the central fund or if the funds will be kept in each department in the event that spending projections across departments are not met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [53463/17]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Tánaiste agus Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála: To the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade.

*36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the Irish embassies worldwide which have enterprise attachés stationed; and the number of such attachés stationed in each such specific embassy by city and country. — Niall Collins. [53667/17]

*37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the trial of a person (details supplied) in Turkey that began on 7 December 2017; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the Turkish authorities are not allowing them attend their own trial in person; his views on whether they will receive a fair trial in view of the present conditions in Turkey and the fact that President Erdogan openly calls his political opponent a terrorist; his views on the imprisonment of other HDP members and MPs; and if an official from the Irish embassy in Turkey is attending and monitoring this high profile trial. — Seán Crowe. [53545/17]

*38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the Acts, or parts of Acts, awaiting commencement within his area of statutory responsibility; the reason for the delay in the commencement of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53569/17]

*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the issues discussed at the recent EU Foreign Affairs Council; the outcome of such discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [53909/17]

*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Prime Minister Netanyahu met with the EU Foreign Affairs Council; if so, the outcome of such discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [53910/17]

*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the EU British agreement in relation to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [53915/17]

*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans in respect of the implementation of the European Union Work Life Balance Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53954/17]

*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the expenditure on external consultant reports commissioned by his department since May 2016; the names of the reports, in tabular form; the publication or expected publication date of each report; the cost of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [53969/17]

*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passports issued by his department in each of the years 2012 to 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [53970/17]

*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of persons from Great Britain and Northern Ireland that have applied for an Irish passport in each of the years 2012 to 2017, in tabular form. — Darragh O'Brien. [53971/17]

*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the target date set by his department for reaching the 0.7% ODA/GNP target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [53972/17]

*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on recent events in Venezuela including the banning of opposition parties from the 2018 election there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [53973/17]

*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the estimated number of Irish persons living in the United States of America without documentation; the recent efforts that have been made to resolve this issue; the number of meetings held; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [53974/17]

*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a budget has been allocated to the person in the role of US special envoy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [53975/17]

*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the legal standing of the joint report from the negotiators of the European Union and the United Kingdom government on progress during phase one of negotiations under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union on the United Kingdom's orderly withdrawal from the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [54102/17]

*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the priorities of Ireland for phase two of Brexit negotiations as they relate to individual sectors of the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [54103/17]

*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on all meetings scheduled with Task Force 50 in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [54104/17]

*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on Brexit Secretary David Davis comments that the agreement reached in phase one of Brexit negotiations is a statement of intent more than anything else. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [54105/17]

*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has raised the EU Ombudsman report on unpaid internships in the European external action service with his EU colleagues; if he will recommend action on the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [54136/17]

*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the use his department has made of the government jet since coming into office, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54197/17]

*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the use his department has made of the government jet in each of the years March 2011 to February 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54213/17]

*57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the photography costs for his department in each year since March 2011 inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used, in tabular form; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54229/17]

*58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the use of external public relations firms employed by his department in each year since March 2011; the list of uses of the external public relations firm; the internal department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54245/17]

*59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the external consultant reports commissioned by his department since March 2011; the costs per report; the company involved; the title of the report; and the publication date, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [54261/17]

*60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the level of expenditure by his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on advertising of government information campaigns published specifically in national and regional newspapers in addition to all online advertising for all such government information campaigns; the name of each such information campaign to which this expenditure related; the cost of each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54277/17]

*61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the level of expenditure by his department or organisations under the aegis of his department from 1 January 2017 to date in

2017 on photography, advertising, communications advice, public relations, website development, media interview training and preparation; the events, campaigns or policies to which this expenditure related; the company or person to which such payments were made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54293/17]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*62. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to improve the criteria in respect of the primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [53947/17]

*63. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of extending the VRT rebate for electric vehicle purchase until 2019 to 2023, respectively. — Timmy Dooley. [54080/17]

*64. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of extending the VRT rebate for hybrid vehicle purchase until 2019 to 2023, respectively. — Timmy Dooley. [54081/17]

*65. To ask the Minister for Finance if his department has provided a report on the Sparkassen public banking model; and his views on whether there could be a role for such a public banking system to assist small and medium enterprises. — Eamon Ryan. [53818/17]

*66. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which VAT is calculated on unredeemed gift vouchers; if a calculation has been done on VAT foregone; if so, the amount for 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [53530/17]

*67. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the introduction of a public bank model, similar to the German Sparkassen model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [53550/17]

*68. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications that have been received to date under the help to buy incentive scheme; and the number of applications that have been successful. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [53559/17]

*69. To ask the Minister for Finance the Acts, or parts of Acts, awaiting commencement within his area of statutory responsibility; the reason for the delay in the commencement of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53568/17]

*70. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 149 of 5 December 2017, if the help to buy scheme applies in this instance (details supplied). — Michael McGrath. [53577/17]

*71. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of legal proceedings in which he and the Attorney General are cited as the defendants (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53581/17]

*72. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to compensate private pension holders that had a pension levy imposed on their pension funds for a number of years as part of the jobs initiative of 2011; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this levy resulted in permanently reduced pensions for many current and future pensioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53584/17]

*73. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 74 of 30 November 2017, if the figures given for net fiscal space for 2019, 2020 and 2021 include the changes announced in budget 2018; the amount by which they impacted on the net fiscal space from budget 2018 in the each of three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53732/17]

*74. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 74 of 30 November 2017, if the figures given for net fiscal space for 2019, 2020 and 2021 include the public pay agreement; the amount by which they impacted on the net fiscal space from the public pay agreement in each of the three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53733/17]

*75. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 74 of 30 November 2017, if the figures given for net fiscal space for 2019, 2020 and 2021 include the changes announced in mortgage interest relief; the amount by which they the impacted on the net fiscal space from the changes in the three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53734/17]

*76. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 74 of 30 November 2017, if the figures given for net fiscal space for 2019, 2020 and 2021 include indexation measures; the amount by which they impacted on the net fiscal space from indexation measures in the three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53735/17]

*77. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 74 of 30 November 2017, if the figures given for net fiscal space for 2019, 2020 and 2021 include the capital envelope of €4.3 billion outlined in exchequer capital envelopes 2018 to 2021; if these effects have been smoothed over the four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53736/17]

*78. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 74 of 30 November 2017, if there are outstanding costs in relation to Irish Water that will affect the net fiscal space for 2019, 2020 and 2021; if changes made in 2017 in relation to Irish Water and water provision have been factored into the base for the net fiscal space; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53737/17]

*79. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 74 of 30 November 2017, if demographic effects have been factored into the base for the calculation of the net fiscal space for 2019, 2020 and 2021; the amount of these effects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53738/17]

*80. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 74 of 30 November 2017, the way in which local property tax is accounted for in the base calculation of net fiscal space; the impact in each of the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 from local property tax; if the impact incorporates the expected revaluation of properties to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53739/17]

*81. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and value of claims paid out by the State Claims Agency in each the past five years; the number and value of claims that were settled out of court; the number and value of claims settled as a result of a court decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53740/17]

*82. To ask the Minister for Finance his strategies for returning each of the State supported banks fully to the private sector; the timeframe for the full privatisation of each of the banks; the individual value of the State's shareholding in each of the banks; the specific parameters that have to be met before further share sales takes place; if he will be informing Dáil Éireann before proceeding with such sales; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53741/17]

*83. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of entities availing of the EIIS; the number of which are private investors, SMEs and micro enterprises; the average annual relief for each private investor, SME and micro enterprise; the annual cost of the scheme; the number of persons employed as a direct result of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53742/17]

*84. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and value of EIIS claims made each month for the past 24 months; the number and value of claims left outstanding each month for the past 24 months; the average time taken to process each claim; the way in which the EU state aid rules have affected the number of claims under the EIIS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53743/17]

*85. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of mortgage holders availing of mortgage interest relief (MIR); the number of mortgages availing of MIR; the cost in 2017 of MIR; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53744/17]

*86. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of mortgage holders that will still avail of mortgage interest relief (MIR) on 1 January 2018 in view of the changes announced in budget 2018; the number of mortgages that will still avail of MIR; the projected cost of MIR in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53745/17]

*87. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual return from ISIF in each of the years since its creation including 2017; the annual return from the global portfolio, domestic portfolio and directed portfolio respectively in each of the years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53746/17]

*88. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual cost of the research and development tax credit in each year since 2012, including 2017; the number of multinationals claiming the credit in each of these years; the taxable profits of the multinationals that claimed the research and development credit in each of these years; the number of SMEs claiming the credit in each of these years; the taxable profits of the SMEs that claimed the research and development credit in each of these years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53747/17]

*89. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of money invested by activate capital in 2017; the average interest charged on the finance provided; the number of homes completed in each of the years since its creation including 2017; the way in which the rate of interest will compare to the new Home Building Finance Ireland rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53748/17]

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason for the shortfall in income tax compared with target as outlined in the November 2017 fiscal monitor; if he will provide an outturn versus target breakdown of income tax, by PAYE, self assessment income tax, universal social charge and other classifications of income tax in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53749/17]

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies availing of the knowledge development box; the cost of the programme in 2016; the number of MNEs obtaining the relief in 2016; the cost of these claims; the number of MNEs that were expected to claim the relief; the number of SMEs that claimed the relief; the cost of these claims; the number of SMEs that were expected to claim the relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53750/17]

*92. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the planned wind up of NAMA; the details of the portfolio that is remaining; the current estimate of the timeframe and the financial outturn from the wind up of NAMA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53751/17]

*93. To ask the Minister for Finance the expected impact Brexit will have on Ireland's annual contribution to the EU budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53752/17]

*94. To ask the Minister for Finance the gross contribution Ireland has made to the European Union budget per annum from 2010 to 2016; the estimated contribution in 2017; the net benefit or contribution made in each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53753/17]

*95. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of fees paid to barristers, senior and junior counsel by IBRC since the appointment of the special liquidators; the name and amount paid to each recipient; the estimated total professional fees arising from the special liquidation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53754/17]

*96. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Central Bank has a policy on whether bank ATM machines should dispense €10 notes to persons; the practice of retail banks here in relation to dispensing €10 notes; if there is a policy as to whether the use of €20 notes or €50 notes are preferred in which an amount of €100, for example, is required; the breakdown of actual notes dispensed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53755/17]

*97. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of unregulated loan owners in the Irish mortgage market for PDHs and BTLs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53756/17]

*98. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of SME loans owned by unregulated loan owners; the number of unregulated loan owners in the market here that own SME loans; the number of SME loans owned by unregulated loan owners that are in arrears up to 90 days, between 90 and 180 days and between 180 and 360 days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53757/17]

*99. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of residential mortgages here that are classified as sub prime; the number of sub prime lenders currently operating in the market; the value of sub prime mortgages outstanding; the rate of arrears on these mortgages; the actions specific to the sub prime sector which are being taken to address arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53758/17]

*100. To ask the Minister for Finance if he or the Central Bank has a record of the number of commercial loans that have been sold on by the original underwriter; if so, the details of same; if the Central Bank must be notified when a commercial loan has been sold on; his views on the fact

that a commercial loan could be sold on to a competitor of the borrowers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53759/17]

*101. To ask the Minister for Finance when the central credit register will be fully operational; the steps that have been taken to date in its implementation; if personal contract plans and hire purchase agreements will be included on the register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53760/17]

*102. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of personal contract plan providers (PCPs) here; the number and value of PCPs currently in existence; the number and value of PCPs that are behind on their payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53761/17]

*103. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of payday loan providers here; the number and value of loans outstanding to payday loan providers; the number and value of payday loans in arrears; the average interest rate on payday loans; the average interest rate on payday loans in arrears; if there are codes of conduct set out by the Central Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53762/17]

*104. To ask the Minister for Finance if there will be a second Finance Bill; if so, when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53763/17]

*105. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount owed by businesses to the Revenue Commissioners under each tax heading; the age profile of the arrears; and the steps the Revenue Commissioners are taking to engage with businesses currently struggling to meet their tax liabilities. — Michael McGrath. [53764/17]

*106. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of contract outsourced staff employed at the Central Bank; the roles they perform; the daily salary of each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53765/17]

*107. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of small and medium enterprise debt outstanding from the latest available data; the amount which is in arrears; the amount classified as non performing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53766/17]

*108. To ask the Minister for Finance the fines greater than €100,000 imposed by the Central Bank on financial institutions over the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53767/17]

*109. To ask the Minister for Finance the staffing levels in his department by division; the staffing levels in 2015 and 2016; the number of vacancies by division; the length of time these vacancies have been open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53774/17]

*110. To ask the Minister for Finance the staffing levels in the Revenue Commissioners by functional area; the staffing levels in 2015 and 2016; the number of vacancies by functional area; the length of time these vacancies have been open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53775/17]

*111. To ask the Minister for Finance the staffing levels currently in the NTMA by functional area; the staffing levels in 2015 and 2016; the number of vacancies by functional area; the length

of time these vacancies have been open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53776/17]

*112. To ask the Minister for Finance the staffing levels in the Central Bank by functional area; the staffing levels in 2015 and 2016; the number of vacancies by functional area; the length of time these vacancies have been open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53777/17]

*113. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and overall value of IBRC PDH residential mortgages sold by the special liquidator; the details of each transaction including the identity of the purchaser; the number and overall value of PDH residential mortgages held by IBRC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53778/17]

*114. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and overall value of IBRC buy to let mortgages sold by the special liquidator; the details of each transaction including the identity of the purchaser; the number and overall value of BTL mortgages held by IBRC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53779/17]

*115. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and overall value of IBRC commercial loans sold by the special liquidator; the details of each transaction including the identity of the purchaser; the number and overall value of commercial loans held by IBRC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53780/17]

*116. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and overall value of IBRC SME commercial loans sold by the special liquidator; the details of each transaction including the identity of the purchaser; the number and overall value of SME commercial loans held by IBRC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53781/17]

*117. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount received to date in respect of fees for the 2008 bank guarantee scheme and the eligible liabilities guarantee scheme; the proceeds received from the sale of banking related assets; the value of the various shareholdings the State has in respect of banks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53782/17]

*118. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Central Bank has issued guidance to financial institutions in terms of assessing loan applications on the issue of considering evidence of gambling transactions on the bank statements of persons that have applied to the institution for a loan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53783/17]

*119. To ask the Minister for Finance if following their appointment the special liquidator of IBRC changed the interest rates being charged by the bank on commercial loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53784/17]

*120. To ask the Minister for Finance the procedure in place from the date of nationalisation and if different, from the date of the appointment of the special liquidator for the setting and of changing of interest rates on specific commercial loans in respect of IBRC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53785/17]

*121. To ask the Minister for Finance the average interest rate charged on PDH mortgages, BTL mortgages, SME commercial loans and other commercial loans in relation to IBRC's loan book; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53786/17]

*122. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the special liquidation of IBRC; the details of the portfolio that is remaining; the estimated timeframe; the financial outturn from the liquidation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53787/17]

*123. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of rent receivers appointed to date in respect of buy to let properties for each of the State supported banks; the number of buy to let properties affected by such appointments; the number of rent receivers expected to be appointed over the remainder of 2017; the detail of the operation of the rent receivers; the impact on the tenants concerned; his policy on the appointment of rent receivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53788/17]

*124. To ask the Minister for Finance the gross amount of corporation tax paid in 2017 by the top ten multinational groups as measured by corporation tax paid; the proportion this represents of overall corporation tax paid in 2017; the gross amount paid by the top 20 multinational groups in 2017; the proportion this represents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53789/17]

*125. To ask the Minister for Finance the book value and estimated market value of the loan assets held by NAMA; the details by geographic area, for example, Ireland, the UK and so on; if a decision has been made to accelerate the disposal of NAMA assets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53790/17]

*126. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the planned wind up of NAMA; the details of the portfolio that is remaining; the estimated timeframe; the estimated financial outturn from the wind up of NAMA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53791/17]

*127. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount and purpose of public funding that has been required to date by the credit union sector; the amount collected from credit unions by way of the levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53792/17]

*128. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications made and accepted respectively for declined insurance in each month of 2017 and each year since 2014, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53793/17]

*129. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the recent reduced income tax receipts to November 2017; the way in which these tally with recent gains in employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [53905/17]

*130. To ask the Minister for Finance when he expects the escrow account for the tax liability of a company (details supplied) to be in operation; when the full payment will be received; the likely timeframe on the case in the General Court of the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [53906/17]

*131. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners can arrange for a deferral of payment in respect of income tax owed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53929/17]

*132. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of households in negative equity; his views on the implications of this for the wider economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [54016/17]

*133. To ask the Minister for Finance the full year cost of increasing the lifetime limit for CGT entrepreneur relief to €1 million, €5 million, €10 million and €15 million respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54125/17]

*134. To ask the Minister for Finance the average Irish SME loan lending rate; the average EU rate; and the rate for each EU 27 member state based on available data, in tabular form. — Niall Collins. [54131/17]

*135. To ask the Minister for Finance the spending commitments or paying down of debt the government has entered into with regard to the profits arising from the winding down of NAMA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [54137/17]

*136. To ask the Minister for Finance the staff numbers in the Central Bank in each of the years 2008 to 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [54146/17]

*137. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Central Bank and his department's staff seconded to the European Central Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [54147/17]

*138. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of European Central Bank on site inspections of Irish financial institutions in 2015, 2016 and 2017; the number carried out by ECB staff; the number carried out by the Central Bank on behalf of the ECB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [54148/17]

*139. To ask the Minister for Finance the photography costs for his department in each year since March 2011 inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used, in tabular form; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54228/17]

*140. To ask the Minister for Finance the use of external public relations firms employed by his department in each year since March 2011; the list of uses of the external public relations firm; the internal department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54244/17]

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance the external consultant reports commissioned by his department since March 2011; the costs per report; the company involved; the title of the report; and the publication date, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [54260/17]

*142. To ask the Minister for Finance the level of expenditure by his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on advertising of government information campaigns published specifically in national and regional newspapers in addition to all online advertising for all such government information campaigns; the name for each such information campaign to which this expenditure related; the cost of each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54276/17]

*143. To ask the Minister for Finance the level of expenditure by his department or organisations under the aegis of his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on photography, advertising, communications advice, public relations, website development, media interview training and

preparation; the events, campaigns or policies to which this expenditure related; the company or person to which such payments were made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54292/17]

Chun an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe: To the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

*144. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of closed Garda stations that have been sold since 2011, by county; the revenue raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54138/17]

*145. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the annual cost of security and maintenance on closed Garda stations that have not been sold, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54139/17]

*146. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the timeframe for the legislation to extend the mandatory retirement age in the public sector to 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [53517/17]

*147. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the Acts, or parts of Acts, awaiting commencement within his area of statutory responsibility; the reason for the delay in the commencement of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53573/17]

*148. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [53610/17]

*149. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW has reached agreement with the insurance industry in relation to the use of demountable flood defences; if the insurance industry has given assurance that flood cover will be reinstated once a flood defence scheme involving demountable defences has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53771/17]

*150. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount of funding budgeted in 2017 for flood relief works; the amount actually spent to date; the budget for such works in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53772/17]

*151. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the government departments or bodies under their aegis that are deemed to be best performing in terms of public expenditure and reform with respect to impact on the economic situation in general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53936/17]

*152. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if in the context of public expenditure and reform, he has identified specific areas of potential over expenditure which may require attention in the course of 2017 or thereafter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53937/17]

*153. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the role he expects for reform throughout the public sector to impact on economic performance in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53938/17]

*154. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which all bodies throughout the public sector through reform or otherwise are being rewarded through FEMPI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53939/17]

*155. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has satisfied himself that all bodies impacted by cutbacks in the public sector are likely to receive recognition and recompense in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53940/17]

*156. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects reform to remain part of economic strategy affecting the public or indirectly in the private sector in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53941/17]

*157. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which investment in infrastructure is likely to remain part of reform within the public sector whilst meeting necessary objectives to facilitate economic requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53942/17]

*158. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which public procurement and reform thereto continues to be part of government policy with particular reference to the need to ensure maximum economic benefit whilst maintaining good procurement practice and indigenous resourcing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53943/17]

*159. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects those sectors and unions throughout the public sector to benefit from FEMPI or otherwise from the sacrifices they made during the downturn in the economy with a view to ensuring full restoration within a reasonable period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53944/17]

*160. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which the recruitment embargo throughout the public sector has been lifted with particular reference to the need to ensure replenishment of staffing levels in the most sensitive areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53945/17]

*161. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of staff in the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer in each of the years 2013 to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [54141/17]

*162. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the flood relief capital allocation and the draw down in each of the years 2011 to 2017, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [54152/17]

*163. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of meetings held by the interdepartmental flood policy coordination group in each of the years 2011 to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [54153/17]

*164. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the photography costs for his department in each year since March 2011 inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used, in tabular form; if there

is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54233/17]

*165. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the use of external public relations firms employed by his department in each year since March 2011; the list of uses of the external public relations firm; the internal department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54249/17]

*166. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the external consultant reports commissioned by his department since March 2011; the costs per report; the company involved; the title of the report; and the publication date, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [54265/17]

*167. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the level of expenditure by his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on advertising of government information campaigns published specifically in national and regional newspapers in addition to all online advertising for all such government information campaigns; the name for each such information campaign to which this expenditure related; the cost of each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54281/17]

*168. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the level of expenditure by his department or organisations under the aegis of his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on photography, advertising, communications advice, public relations, website development, media interview training and preparation; the events, campaigns or policies to which this expenditure related; the company or person to which such payments were made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54297/17]

Chun an Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna: To the Minister for Education and Skills.

*169. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of participating schools implementing a healthy schools action plan. — Billy Kelleher. [53797/17]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding an application for new accommodation by a school (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [53510/17]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of departmental staff by departmental premises and within statutory bodies within his remit and their grades employed in Drogheda. — Imelda Munster. [53531/17]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the procedures set out in Circular 59/2009 are underpinned by legislation; and if so, the relevant Act. — Mary Lou McDonald. [53540/17]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there are exceptional circumstances in which the formal procedures set out in circular 59/2009 as issued by his department do not have to be adhered to once the initiation of the formal process has begun; and if he will provide a list of these applicable circumstances. — Mary Lou McDonald. [53547/17]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of teachers that availed of the fee refund scheme in each of the years 2011 to 2016; the average amount paid to teachers in fee refunds in each of the years 2011 to 2016; if these payments differ between primary and post primary teachers; the number of applications to avail of funding in each of the years 2011 to 2016; the

funding provided for the scheme in each of the years 2011 to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [53548/17]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the funding his department is providing for the creative youth programme in 2017; the allocation it will receive in 2018; and if his department is allocating funding, the amount being provided for media promotion of the programme. — Thomas Byrne. [53551/17]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the Acts, or parts of Acts, awaiting commencement within his area of statutory responsibility; the reason for the delay in the commencement of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53566/17]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [53595/17]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount that was spent on the provision of counselling services at third level in each of the years from 2013 to 2017; and the amount that has been allocated for the year 2017/2018. — Thomas Byrne. [53613/17]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the ratio of students to teaching staff in each of the years from 2013 to 2017 at third level. — Thomas Byrne. [53614/17]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a housing estate (details supplied) is geographically split in two for the purposes of deprivation indices used for qualification for the HEAR scheme; his plans to address this in order that all residents of the estate are treated equally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53708/17]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a school extension will go to construction for a school (details supplied); if every effort will be made to expedite this project in view of current accommodations in the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [53709/17]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has received correspondence from a school (details supplied); if the financial assistance to the school will be increased in order to deliver high quality education as Gaeilge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53711/17]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the evaluation of new design options in respect of a school (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [53731/17]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his department will select and approve a suitable long term site within the local community for a school (details supplied) in time for the school to move to a more appropriate location for the 2018/2019 school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54057/17]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if provision is made in his department’s estimates for 2018 for a minor works grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [54062/17]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the details of the 2018/2019 higher education grant scheme will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [54119/17]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to exclude students' part time earnings in the assessment of means for higher education grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [54120/17]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the approximate timetable it takes to make new consortia led apprenticeships operational to apprentices from call for proposals stage to validation by Quality and Qualifications Ireland, to being available for new enrolments; the detail of each stage in the approval and qualification process; and the approximate time it takes for each stage in the process. — Niall Collins. [54126/17]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the photography costs for his department in each year since March 2011 inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used, in tabular form; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54226/17]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the use of external public relations firms employed by his department in each year since March 2011; the list of uses of the external public relations firm; the internal department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54242/17]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the external consultant reports commissioned by his department since March 2011; the costs per report; the company involved; the title of the report; and the publication date, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [54258/17]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the level of expenditure by his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on advertising of government information campaigns published specifically in national and regional newspapers in addition to all online advertising for all such government information campaigns; the name for each such information campaign to which this expenditure related; the cost of each, in tabular form. — Niall Collins. [54274/17]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the level of expenditure by his department or organisations under the aegis of his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on photography, advertising, communications advice, public relations, website development, media interview training and preparation; the events, campaigns or policies to which this expenditure related; the company or person to which such payments were made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54290/17]

Chun an Aire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais: To the Minister for Justice and Equality.

*194. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the fact that private early years services providing full day ECCE ,free preschool, are exempt from rates while those providing full day care services or afterschool services are obliged to pay commercial rates; if he has had contact with the Department of Children and Youth Affairs with a view to standardising the non payment of rates by all early years services providers; if an equalisation grant to offset the

cost of commercial rates can be provided to providers for which it is not possible to remove the rates obligation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [54012/17]

*195. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to reports that the government is seeking to delay the implementation of European Union Work-Life Balance Directive; his views on the fact that Ireland is one of only six EU member states to not offer employer paid paternity leave; his plans to address this anomaly in respect of the implementation of the directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54181/17]

*196. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of departmental staff by departmental premises and within statutory bodies within his remit and their grades employed in Drogheda. — Imelda Munster. [53533/17]

*197. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of permission to work and attend college for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53541/17]

*198. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53553/17]

*199. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the Acts, or parts of Acts, awaiting commencement within his area of statutory responsibility; the reason for the delay in the commencement of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53572/17]

*200. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the criticisms made of the Prison Service in a report (details supplied) concerning the transfer of a certain prisoner. — Michael McGrath. [53582/17]

*201. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a hearing will take place in relation to an application to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53583/17]

*202. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a court ruling (details supplied) will be examined to determine if recognition of Traveller ethnicity will require a legislative basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [53611/17]

*203. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he is taking to ensure that there will be accountability for the estimated two million fake breath tests; if he will publish the statistics of these tests for each district of An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [53898/17]

*204. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53917/17]

*205. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53918/17]

*206. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency options available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53919/17]

*207. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedures to be followed to regularise their residency in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53920/17]

*208. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of residency entitlement in the case of a person (details supplied) with particular reference to their stamp 4 application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53921/17]

*209. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency status in the case of a person (details supplied) who has lived here for more than ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53922/17]

*210. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when residency status in the context of stamp 4 citizenship will be awarded in the case of persons (details supplied); if their case will be urgently considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53923/17]

*211. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the relevant section of his department has received all papers required in connection with the examination of entitlement to residency in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53924/17]

*212. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency status and possible entitlement to naturalisation in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53925/17]

*213. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 121 of 30 November 2017, if on the basis of current circumstances they are likely to be eligible for consideration for naturalisation in the near future in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53926/17]

*214. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if consideration will be given to an application for stamp 4 leave to remain in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53928/17]

*215. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will consider on humanitarian grounds the serious health condition of a person (details supplied) in relation to their case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53931/17]

*216. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when consideration on humanity, compassionate and human rights grounds will be given in the case of a person (details supplied); if their case will be urgently reviewed in view of the circumstances with a view to granting residency status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53933/17]

*217. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 97 of 28 September 2017, the current and or expected entitlement to temporary permanent residency in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53934/17]

*218. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans in respect of the implementation of the European Union Work Life Balance Directive; his views on the fact that Ireland is one of only six EU member states to not offer employer paid parental leave; his plans to address this anomaly in respect of the implementation of the directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53952/17]

*219. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in counties Laois and Offlay in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53987/17]

*220. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in counties Carlow and Kilkenny in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53988/17]

*221. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in County Waterford in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53989/17]

*222. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in west County Cork in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53990/17]

*223. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in north County Cork in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53991/17]

*224. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in County Kerry in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53992/17]

*225. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in County Limerick in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53993/17]

*226. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in County Clare in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53994/17]

*227. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in County Galway in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53995/17]

*228. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in County Mayo in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53996/17]

*229. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda

station in counties Sligo and Leitrim in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53997/17]

*230. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in County Donegal in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53998/17]

*231. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in counties Cavan and Monaghan in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53999/17]

*232. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in County Louth in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54000/17]

*233. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in County Meath in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54001/17]

*234. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in County Kildare in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54002/17]

*235. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in County Wicklow in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54003/17]

*236. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in County Westmeath in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54004/17]

*237. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in counties Longford and Roscommon in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54005/17]

*238. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in County Tipperary in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54006/17]

*239. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí, the number of Garda Reserve, the number of community Gardaí and the number of civilian staff assigned to each Garda station in County Wexford in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54007/17]

*240. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54008/17]

*241. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the details of spending by his department on external public relations in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54009/17]

*242. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 266 of 5 December 2017, if he will clarify that while the absolute numbers of prisoners on restricted regimes have decreased, the percentage of prisoners on restricted regimes has doubled between October 2013 and October 2017. — Clare Daly. [54017/17]

*243. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 224 of 14 November 2017, if the reports that the Legal Service Regulatory Authority forwarded to him, section 119 report of public consultation on multi disciplinary practices and section 120 report of public consultation on certain matters relating to barristers, have been laid before Dáil Éireann; if not, the reasons for not laying these reports as mentioned in his initial response to that question; the date on which he will lay them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [54133/17]

*244. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the cross border crime agency; the number of staff involved and agencies engaged; the annual budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [54151/17]

*245. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce gender quotas for the boards of publicly listed companies here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [54154/17]

*246. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in counties Laois and Offaly in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54161/17]

*247. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in counties Carlow and Kilkenny in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54162/17]

*248. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in County Waterford in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54163/17]

*249. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in west County Cork in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54164/17]

*250. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in north County Cork in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54165/17]

*251. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in County Kerry in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54166/17]

*252. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in County Limerick in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54167/17]

*253. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in County Clare in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54168/17]

*254. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in County Galway in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54169/17]

*255. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in County Mayo in each of the years 2010 to 2017, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54170/17]

*256. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in counties Sligo and Leitrim in each of the years 2010 to 2017, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54171/17]

*257. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in County Donegal in each of the years 2010 to 2017, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54172/17]

*258. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in counties Cavan and Monaghan in each of the years 2010 to 2017, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54173/17]

*259. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in County Louth in each of the years 2010 to 2017, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54174/17]

*260. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in County Meath in each of the years 2010 to 2017, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54175/17]

*261. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in County Kildare in each of the years 2010 to 2017, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54176/17]

*262. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in County Wicklow in each of the years 2010 to 2017, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54177/17]

*263. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in County Westmeath in each of the years 2010 to 2017, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54178/17]

*264. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in counties Longform and Roscommon in each of the years 2010 to 2017, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54179/17]

*265. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in County Tipperary in each of the years 2010 to 2017, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54180/17]

*266. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to recent research which found two thirds of disabled persons were out of work; the steps he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54184/17]

*267. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars assigned to each Garda station in County Wexford in each of the years 2010 to 2017. — Jim O’Callaghan. [54187/17]

*268. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the photography costs for his department in each year since March 2011 inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used, in tabular form; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54232/17]

*269. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the use of external public relations firms employed by his department in each year since March 2011; the list of uses of the external public relations firm; the internal department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54248/17]

*270. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the external consultant reports commissioned by his department since March 2011; the costs per report; the company involved; the title of the report; and the publication date, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [54264/17]

*271. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the level of expenditure by his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on advertising of government information campaigns published specifically in national and regional newspapers in addition to all online advertising for all such government information campaigns; the name for each such information campaign to which this expenditure related; the cost of each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54280/17]

*272. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the level of expenditure by his department or organisations under the aegis of his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on photography, advertising, communications advice, public relations, website development, media interview training and preparation; the events, campaigns or policies to which this expenditure related; the company or person to which such payments were made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54296/17]

Chun an Aire Gnó, Fiontar agus Nuálaíochta: To the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation.

*273. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the name of all internal reports and research studies conducted or commissioned by her department and the agencies under her aegis since June 2016 on Brexit regarding SMEs, exports, trade and tariffs; the publication date of all such studies; the reports and research studies that remain incomplete; the date they are expected to be completed; and if each publication will be published. — Niall Collins. [53687/17]

*274. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the trade missions that are scheduled for 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [53967/17]

*275. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if consideration will be given to designating Naas, County Kildare and surrounding areas as a food hub, in view of the strong agri-food sector in the locality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O’Rourke. [53536/17]

*276. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the Acts, or parts of Acts, awaiting commencement within her area of statutory responsibility; the reason for the delay in the commencement of each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53561/17]

*277. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of progress to date by the CCPC regarding enforcement of the grocery goods regulations and monitoring compliance; the number of investigations undertaken in response to complaints under the grocery goods regulations; the number of enforcement actions made; the number of cases which concluded with fines issued; the amount in euro of fines issued; and the number of collected and uncollected fines, in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [53641/17]

*278. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the 2018 allocation by the Health and Safety Authority for farm safety initiatives. — Charlie McConalogue. [53652/17]

*279. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of the sanctioned recruitment of six inspector posts for the farm inspection programme for the HSA that have been filled to date. — Charlie McConalogue. [53653/17]

*280. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the details of each international IDA office abroad; the location of each; the number of full time and part time staff employed in each; and the costs of offices and staffing for each international office on an annual basis, in tabular form. — Niall Collins. [53662/17]

*281. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the details of international Enterprise Ireland offices abroad; the location of each; number of full time and part time staff employed in each; and the costs of offices and staffing for each international office on an annual basis, in tabular form. — Niall Collins. [53663/17]

*282. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of companies that have completed the Brexit scorecard to date since it was established, by company size (details supplied), in tabular form. — Niall Collins. [53664/17]

*283. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of full time and part time staff in the dedicated Brexit unit within her department broken down by staff grade; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [53665/17]

*284. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the details of each specific EU competitiveness council ministers meeting in which she or her predecessors made the case for the need of a revision of state aid rules to protect Irish enterprises and related jobs during the UK's two year exit phase from the EU and subsequent transition phase; the date of each meeting in which this was raised, in tabular form; the progress made at EU level to increase state aid thresholds to support Irish enterprises from a hard Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [53666/17]

*285. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of full time and part time staff hired since 1 January 2017 under the budget allocation (details supplied) to each State agency to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [53668/17]

*286. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of Enterprise Ireland exporting client companies that have availed of be prepared grants to date, by county, in tabular form. — Niall Collins. [53669/17]

*287. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of Brexit readiness vouchers from InterTradeIreland that have been availed of since being established, by county; and the value of such vouchers, in tabular form. — Niall Collins. [53670/17]

*288. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of companies that have sought help via the Brexit advisory service of InterTradeIreland since the UK referendum to leave the EU in June 2016. — Niall Collins. [53671/17]

*289. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the amount of annual budget expended on staff salaries and remuneration since the CCPC was established in euro and in percentage terms; and the amount of annual budget not expended on staff salaries and remuneration in euro and in percentage terms. — Niall Collins. [53672/17]

*290. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of staff since the CCPC was established working on competition enforcement in absolute terms and as a percentage of total staff. — Niall Collins. [53673/17]

*291. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the figures for categories (details supplied) since the CCPC was established. — Niall Collins. [53674/17]

*292. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the annual figures for categories (details supplied) since the CCPC was established. — Niall Collins. [53675/17]

*293. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of progress to date by the CCPC regarding concert ticketing and motor insurance inquiries, such as price signalling concerns and personal contract plans used to finance motor purchases. — Niall Collins. [53676/17]

*294. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of progress to date by the CCPC regarding a screening programme for procurement processes which systematically searches for indications that bid rigging may have occurred. — Niall Collins. [53677/17]

*295. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the estimated timetable for the Irish national transposition of the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council (COM (2017) 142 final 2017/0063 (COD)) to empower the competition authorities of the member states to be more effective enforcers; and if officials in her department have reviewed if implementation of this directive will empower the CCPC to issue civil financial sanctions. — Niall Collins. [53678/17]

*296. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if it is possible to adapt the current regulatory regime and empower the CCPC to issue civil financial sanctions in similar fashion to as provided by a court of competent jurisdiction when the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland Act 2004 inserted the power to impose civil financial sanctions into Part IIIC of the Central Bank Act 1942. — Niall Collins. [53679/17]

*297. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of vacant IDA properties in each county from the latest data available; the name and location of each such vacant

property on a town and county level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [53680/17]

*298. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the recommendation of the first report of the personal injuries commission that the Quebec Task Force whiplash associated disorder grading scale which can be used in an Irish context; and the main features of this system. — Niall Collins. [53681/17]

*299. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the timetable for the independent review of the Succeed-in-Ireland programme which her department has commissioned; if her department has assessed the projected costs of the programme to date; if not, the reason for the delay; if submissions to the public consultation will be published; and her plans to meet representatives directly from the IDA and Connect Ireland directly. — Niall Collins. [53682/17]

*300. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the review of Enterprise 2025 in view of Brexit and potential policy changes under the new US administration; and when the review will be completed and published. — Niall Collins. [53683/17]

*301. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when the rescue and restructuring scheme will be operationalised and ready to be availed of by SMEs; if a supplementary estimate will be required to finance this scheme in 2018; and the estimated exchequer funding needed to operationalise this scheme. — Niall Collins. [53684/17]

*302. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the amount of funding allocated to the programme for research in third level institutions in 2018. — Niall Collins. [53685/17]

*303. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the exchequer funding allocated to Science Foundation Ireland on an annual basis since it was established up to 2017; and the 2018 allocation. — Niall Collins. [53686/17]

*304. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of full time and part staff employed in the Health and Safety Authority in each of the years 2010 to 2017 by civil service grade and other staff; the breakdown in funding of exchequer funding allocated to the HSA in each of the years 2010 to 2017; and the budget allocation in 2018. — Niall Collins. [53688/17]

*305. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the process for ratifying CETA; and when the CETA trade agreement will be voted on by Dáil Éireann in 2018. — Niall Collins. [53690/17]

*306. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the May 2017 ECJ decision regarding the EU-Singapore trade agreement and potential impact on existing EU trade agreements and future ones; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [53691/17]

*307. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when she plans to publish an account of the investigative failures identified by a person (details supplied); and the steps that are being taken to address them emanating from the trial of a person (details supplied). — Niall Collins. [53693/17]

*308. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her ministerial briefing has been published and is downloadable on her department's website. — Niall Collins. [54130/17]

*309. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the timeframe for holding a referendum on the implementation of the Unified Patent Court; the impact Brexit will have on its implementation; if the agreement will require renegotiation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54143/17]

*310. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the photography costs for her department in each year since March 2011 inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used, in tabular form; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within her department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54221/17]

*311. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the use of external public relations firms employed by her department in each year since March 2011; the list of uses of the external public relations firm; the internal department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54237/17]

*312. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the external consultant reports commissioned by her department since March 2011; the costs per report; the company involved; the title of the report; and the publication date, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [54253/17]

*313. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the level of expenditure by her department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on advertising of government information campaigns published specifically in national and regional newspapers in addition to all online advertising for all such government information campaigns; the name for each such information campaign to which this expenditure related; the cost of each, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54269/17]

*314. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the level of expenditure by her department or organisations under the aegis of her department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on photography, advertising, communications advice, public relations, website development, media interview training and preparation; the events, campaigns or policies to which this expenditure related; the company or person to which such payments were made, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54285/17]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*315. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application under the nursing home support scheme by a person (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [53534/17]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health if the funding proposal for a long awaited new endoscopy unit at Naas general hospital has been considered under the national capital plan due shortly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [53916/17]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding will be provided in 2018 home help, home support and home care packages; if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties caused to persons and families when delays occur in providing such support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [53946/17]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health if a discretionary medical card will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [53513/17]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter in relation to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [53521/17]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health if a reply will issue to a request from a group (details supplied) in relation to outreach services; the funds available to the group in relation to the outreach plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53522/17]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health if a reply will issue to concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); if a commitment will be made to secure funds for the Louth Meath branch of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53527/17]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reforms of the fair deal scheme in relation to small businesses and farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [53528/17]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health if he will arrange for the public health nurse to call to reassess a person (details supplied) in County Cork who requires additional home help hours. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [53535/17]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53539/17]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive cataract surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [53542/17]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase funding for respite care across the country in an attempt to eliminate the pressures families are under particularly in view of the post code lottery system that currently exists with supports and services for family carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53546/17]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the decision to remove lidocaine patches from the approved GMS list for chronic pain sufferers; if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53556/17]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the Acts, or parts of Acts, awaiting commencement within his area of statutory responsibility; the reason for the delay in the commencement of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53570/17]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health the additional resources which are being provided in 2018 for homecare and respite services in view of deficiencies revealed by a recent RTÉ investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [53576/17]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has discretion in relation to the application of a certain rule (details supplied) under the nursing home support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53578/17]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health the calculation of the contribution to cost of care assessment for a person (details supplied) in County Cork under the nursing home support scheme. — Michael McGrath. [53579/17]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the approval of a drug (details supplied) for inclusion in the HSE's reimbursement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53580/17]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons including nurses, home help assistants and so on paid by the HSE that have received correspondence in recent months informing them that they have been overpaid for a particular period of time; the number of such persons affected; the amount overpaid in each occupation or category of employment; the reasons for same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53585/17]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 933 of 11 September 2017, the progress in securing a residential placement for a person (details supplied) in County Cork who is profoundly disabled; the outcome of the application for emergency funding for a residential placement for this person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53587/17]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health when the provisions of the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 will be made fully applicable to all counsellors including abortion counsellors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53592/17]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health if the two year transition period which has applied to other professions under the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 will apply to counsellors; his plans to shorten or eliminate this transition period on the grounds of urgency or on other grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53593/17]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be considered for a MRI scan as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [53603/17]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [53605/17]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to end charges for venesections for those with haemochromatosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [53612/17]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional critical care beds that have been provided at Cork university hospital in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53615/17]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE target of eliminating emergency department waiting times of greater than 24 hours for persons over 75 years of age will be met in 2017; and the number of persons over 75 years of age that have had a wait of more than 24 hours in an emergency department in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53616/17]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of national standards to improve access to antenatal anomaly screening in all maternity units as set out in the national maternity strategy. — Billy Kelleher. [53617/17]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of a range of improvement actions based on the national standards for bereavement care following pregnancy loss and perinatal death across all 19 maternity units. — Billy Kelleher. [53618/17]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the relocation of the Rotunda hospital, the national maternity hospital and university of Limerick maternity hospital. — Billy Kelleher. [53619/17]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of monthly hospital safety statements; and the hospitals that provide them, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [53620/17]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the rollout of the model of care of hereditary haemochromatosis and the model of care for therapeutic phlebotomy in association with primary care services. — Billy Kelleher. [53621/17]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of new health facilities (details supplied); when these projects will proceed to the next stage; if specific funding will be provided in 2018 for these developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [53710/17]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE's policy in relation to the operation of car parks within hospital grounds; the amount of revenue collected by hospital in respect of those car parks nationally; his views on the charges persons have to pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53773/17]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital groups and CHOs that have completed healthy Ireland implementation plans. — Billy Kelleher. [53796/17]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health if an implementation plan for the healthy Ireland framework for brief intervention and health behaviour change has been developed; and if it has been commenced. — Billy Kelleher. [53798/17]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health if each newly diagnosed person with diabetes is now being offered a place on the next available structured patient education course. — Billy Kelleher. [53799/17]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health if a self management support framework for diabetes, asthma, COPD and cardiovascular disease has been developed; and when the implementation plan will commence. — Billy Kelleher. [53800/17]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health if a needs assessment for cardiac rehabilitation has been undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [53801/17]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the development of the standardised chronic disease pathway. — Billy Kelleher. [53802/17]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the number of tobacco sales to minors test purchase inspections carried out in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53803/17]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of new and existing sites with tobacco free campus policy implemented in residential units for older persons in mental health approved centres, in mental health community residencies and in residential disability services. — Billy Kelleher. [53804/17]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health the number of frontline healthcare workers trained in 2017 to screen and support smokers to quit. — Billy Kelleher. [53806/17]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the public and voluntary hospitals that have and have not calorie posting in place respectively, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [53807/17]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the public and voluntary hospitals that have implemented and not implemented respectively the healthier vending policy, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [53808/17]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the acute hospitals that have and have not respectively a HSE hospital food and nutrition policy developed and implemented, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [53809/17]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses that have received training on the nutrition reference pack for infants aged 0 to 12 months. — Billy Kelleher. [53810/17]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional area alcohol action plans developed in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53811/17]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the national implementation plan to promote positive ageing. — Billy Kelleher. [53812/17]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the number of eligible women aged 50 to 64 years of age screened under breastcheck to date in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53813/17]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health the number of eligible women aged 65 to 69 years of age screened under breastcheck to date in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53814/17]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the number of babies breastfed exclusively and not exclusively respectively at the first public health nurse visit and the three month public health nurse developmental check respectively. — Billy Kelleher. [53815/17]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage uptake of breast screening among the eligible population to date in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53816/17]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women that have had one or more cervical check smear tests in a primary care setting to date in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53819/17]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of eligible women with at least one satisfactory cervical check screening in a five year period. — Billy Kelleher. [53820/17]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health the number of self management support coordinators appointed at CHO level. — Billy Kelleher. [53821/17]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health the number of local and national partnership plans developed and agreed under the dementia understand together campaign. — Billy Kelleher. [53822/17]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of urgent cases in 2017 offered a colonoscopy appointment within two weeks of receipt of a letter in the clinic. — Billy Kelleher. [53823/17]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons checked under the bowelscreen programme in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53824/17]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health the expected uptake rate for the bowelscreen programme in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53825/17]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health the number of infectious disease outbreaks notified under the national infectious disease reporting schedule in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53826/17]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health the number of individual outbreak associated cases of infectious disease notified under the national infectious diseases reporting schedule in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53827/17]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the national primary childhood immunisation uptake rates for conditions (details supplied) in 2017 for each CHO, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [53828/17]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health the influenza virus uptake rate amongst persons 65 years of age and over in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53829/17]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health the influenza virus uptake rate amongst healthcare workers in 2017 in acute hospitals. — Billy Kelleher. [53830/17]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health the influenza virus uptake rate amongst healthcare workers in 2017 in long term care facilities in the community. — Billy Kelleher. [53831/17]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of official food control planned and planned surveillance inspections of food businesses in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53832/17]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health the number of drinking water samples taken to assess fluoride parameter compliance in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53833/17]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage to date in 2017 of environmental health complaints from the public risk assessed within one working day. — Billy Kelleher. [53834/17]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the evaluation of the 2016 asthma and COPD advice line service in collaboration with organisations (details supplied). — Billy Kelleher. [53835/17]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ultrasounds provided to date in 2017 across care sites (details supplied). — Billy Kelleher. [53836/17]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health the care support packages for children discharged from hospital with complex medical conditions to date in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53837/17]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional primary care speech and language assessment and therapy appointments provided to date in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53838/17]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assistant psychology posts recruited in 2017 to deliver rapid access low intensity psychological interventions for young persons. — Billy Kelleher. [53839/17]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff grade psychology posts recruited in 2017 for services for children in geographical areas in which there are inadequate numbers of posts in place. — Billy Kelleher. [53840/17]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health if a computerised cognitive behavioural therapy programme for young persons has been provided. — Billy Kelleher. [53841/17]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting more than three years for orthodontic services. — Billy Kelleher. [53842/17]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE staff that have received training in 2017 on SAOR screening and brief intervention for problem alcohol and substance use. — Billy Kelleher. [53843/17]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new patients that have received access to naxolone in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53844/17]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health if a HSE plan has been developed to provided supports and appropriate health services for victims of human trafficking. — Billy Kelleher. [53845/17]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the implementation of each of the ten recommendations from the palliative care support beds review, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [53846/17]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the evaluation of the 2016 pharmacy based minor ailment scheme pilot project; and if the project will be extended further. — Billy Kelleher. [53847/17]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons covered by medical cards on 1 December 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53848/17]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons covered by general practitioner visit cards on 1 December 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53849/17]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that have attended a CAMHS service in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53850/17]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health when multi annual plans and budgets for health expenditure both current and capital will be brought forward. — Billy Kelleher. [53851/17]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will publish a five year service plan. — Billy Kelleher. [53852/17]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the allocation of the €15 million in 2017 to fund the national treatment purchase fund to urgently address waiting lists for those persons waiting longest; the amount of this funding that has now been spent; and the number of persons that will receive scheduled treatment as a result of this expenditure. — Billy Kelleher. [53853/17]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which his department is honouring the commitment to fully implement a vision for change. — Billy Kelleher. [53854/17]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance attendances at each emergency department nationwide in November 2017; the number of such ambulances that waited longer than 20 minutes to hand over patients, get their trolleys back and return to responding to calls; and the number that waited longer than 40, 60, 90, 120 and 180 minutes for same, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [53855/17]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medicines that have had their price reduced as of 1 December 2017 further to the framework agreement on the supply and pricing of medicines; the details of each medicine; and the extent of the price cut. — Billy Kelleher. [53856/17]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health if online PCRS processing has now been extended to dentists and clinical dental technicians. — Billy Kelleher. [53857/17]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health when the web based paperless medical card application process to reduce the number of paper based applications will be introduced. — Billy Kelleher. [53858/17]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made on considering the further recommendations of the clinical advisory group including conclusions on the assessment of the burden of disease as agreed for implementation by the HSE and his department. — Billy Kelleher. [53859/17]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has developed a burden of illness assessment tool. — Billy Kelleher. [53860/17]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health the additional resources that have been provided to ensure that the assessment process for new medicines is implemented effectively. — Billy Kelleher. [53861/17]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health if new arrangements for management of general practitioners training involving the Irish College of General Practitioners have been finalised and implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [53862/17]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults that have been deemed appropriate for treatment for substance use in 2017; and the number that have received treatment within one calendar month, by LHO, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [53863/17]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that have been deemed appropriate for treatment for substance use in 2017; and the number that have received treatment within one week, by LHO, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [53864/17]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the review of services in all CHOs in relation to the person centred care planning processes of the drugs rehabilitation framework reassessment, key working and care planning. — Billy Kelleher. [53865/17]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health if regulations to allow for the introduction of buprenorphine naloxone and buprenorphine products have been agreed and introduced. — Billy Kelleher. [53866/17]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the working group to progress increased access to buprenorphine naloxone and buprenorphine products. — Billy Kelleher. [53867/17]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the HSE training programme for addiction staff, level 2 general practitioners and pharmacists in relation to buprenorphine naloxone and buprenorphine products. — Billy Kelleher. [53868/17]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health the increase in addiction residential treatment beds and additional treatment episodes that has been provided in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53869/17]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the development of integrated care pathways and referral pathways from pharmacy needle exchange to other agencies. — Billy Kelleher. [53870/17]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the expansion of other paraphernalia such as foil within the pharmacy needle exchange programme to allow persons the option of smoking rather than injecting. — Billy Kelleher. [53871/17]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the guidelines and strategic statement on hidden harm. — Billy Kelleher. [53872/17]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in receipt of opioid substitution treatment outside prisons. — Billy Kelleher. [53873/17]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time from referral to assessment for opioid substitution treatment. — Billy Kelleher. [53874/17]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours provided in each local health office area monthly in 2017 to date; and the way in which this compares against target, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [53875/17]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time from opioid substitution assessment to exit from waiting list or treatment commenced. — Billy Kelleher. [53876/17]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the delivery of the primary care education pathways and research in dementia education programme to primary care teams in collaboration with the dementia office and social care services; the number of sites that have been selected for same; and the location of each. — Billy Kelleher. [53877/17]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care packages being provided in each LHO area, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [53878/17]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health the number of intensive home care packages being provided in each LHO area, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [53879/17]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours being provided in each LHO area, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [53880/17]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds and wards in all public and voluntary acute hospitals that were closed on 8 December 2017 or the latest date on which data for validated bed closures at hospital and ward level are available, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [53881/17]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges in all public and voluntary acute hospitals at the end of November 2017 or the latest date available; and the number of which have been delayed for periods (details supplied), in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [53882/17]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health if persons aged 75 years of age or over have experienced an emergency department wait time of more than 24 hours in 2017; and, if so, the hospital in which the wait occurred. — Billy Kelleher. [53883/17]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health the targets in place for organ donation and transplant rates; if they have been achieved in 2017; and if not, the progress made towards achieving the targets. — Billy Kelleher. [53884/17]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the planning of a national genetic and genomic medicine network service which will operate on a hub and spoke basis; the location of the hubs and spokes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [53885/17]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective inpatient discharges in each public and voluntary hospital in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53886/17]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with haemodialysis treated in acute hospitals in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53887/17]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with haemodialysis treated in contracted centres in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53888/17]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home therapies dialysis treatments in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53889/17]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost through delayed discharges in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53890/17]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of persons with acute stroke that have spent all or some of their hospital stay in an acute or combined stroke unit in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53891/17]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of persons with confirmed acute ischaemic stroke that received thrombolysis in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53892/17]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health the acute hospitals which have a COPD outreach programme. — Billy Kelleher. [53893/17]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending the rapid access lung clinic in designated cancer centres in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [53894/17]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending the rapid access prostate clinic in cancer centres in 2017; and the number of persons attending prostate rapid clinics that attended or were offered an appointment within 20 working days of receipt of referral in the cancer centres over the same time period. — Billy Kelleher. [53895/17]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the Health Service Executive spent on agency staff each month in 2017; the equivalent figures for each month in 2016; the proportion of the

HSE's anticipated agency staff expenditure for 2017 that has been incurred to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [53896/17]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health when a full restoration of salaries to health workers in section 39 organisations will take place in view of a recent Labour Court ruling on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [53907/17]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to improve access to the HSE cross border directive whereby patients accepted onto the scheme that cannot afford the cost of surgery upfront are ineligible for treatment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [53914/17]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new residential emergency places provided by disability services in 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [53948/17]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new home support and in home respite for emergency cases provided by disability services in 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [53949/17]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons transferred to community living to date in 2017 under time to move on from congregated settings. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [53950/17]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional homes provided to date in 2017 under time to move on from congregated settings. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [53951/17]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the finalisation and implementation of the framework for neuro rehabilitation strategy. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [53955/17]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the establishment of an innovative pilot day service aimed at supporting persons with severe acquired brain injuries. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [53956/17]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health if a collaborative care pathways model for persons with complex neuro rehabilitation care and support accommodation needs in CHO 6, 7 and 9 and involving the national rehabilitation hospital, Peamount hospital and the royal hospital, Donnybrook has been established; and the number of service users that have benefitted. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [53957/17]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health if each CHO has identified one area in which neuro rehabilitation care services both statutory and non statutory could work together to avoid hospital admission and provide better outcome for the service user; and if so, the details of same for each CHO. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [53958/17]

*456. To ask the Minister for Health the number of day only respite sessions accessed by persons with a disability to date in 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [53959/17]

*457. To ask the Minister for Health the number of overnights with or without day respite accessed by persons with a disability to date in 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [53960/17]

*458. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with a disability (details supplied) in receipt of respite services to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [53961/17]

*459. To ask the Minister for Health the number of requests for assessments under the Disability Act 2005 received to date in 2017 each LHO area; the number assessed within the statutory timeframe; and the number overdue. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [53962/17]

*460. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children's disability network teams now established; and the areas in which one has not been established, in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [53963/17]

*461. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with a disability in receipt of rehabilitation training. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [53964/17]

*462. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with a disability in receipt of other day services (details supplied) not including rehabilitation training or work and work like activities. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [53965/17]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a new primary care centre in Dunfanaghy, County Donegal; his further plans to carry out repairs to the existing centre in the intervening period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [53966/17]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health the options that are available to persons to appeal a generic prescription when they are instructed that they have no choice but to take a generic medication via that prescription even when they have clarified there are contraindications to taking the generic medication and that they are happy to pay additional costs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [54019/17]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS referrals seen by mental health services in 2017. — James Browne. [54020/17]

*466. To ask the Minister for Health the number of admissions to CAMHS acute inpatient units in 2017. — James Browne. [54021/17]

*467. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult referrals seen by mental health services in 2017. — James Browne. [54022/17]

*468. To ask the Minister for Health the number of old age psychiatry referrals seen by mental health services in 2017. — James Browne. [54023/17]

*469. To ask the Minister for Health the number of external placements provided by mental health services in 2017. — James Browne. [54024/17]

*470. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults seen by counselling services in primary care services in 2017. — James Browne. [54025/17]

*471. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults seen by the National Counselling Service in 2017. — James Browne. [54026/17]

*472. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals seen by community forensic teams in 2017. — James Browne. [54027/17]

*473. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patient mental health reviews by prison in reach services in 2017. — James Browne. [54028/17]

*474. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the allocation of the posts from the 2015 €35 million funding for mental health; the number of posts this allocation supports; the number that have been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [54029/17]

*475. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the allocation of posts from the 2016 allocation of €35 million for mental health; the number of posts this allocation supports; the number that have been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [54030/17]

*476. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the allocation of posts from the 2017 allocation of €15 million for mental health; the number of posts this allocation supports; the number that have been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [54031/17]

*477. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a child and adolescent mental health service appointment in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 3 months, 3 to 6 months, 6 to 9 months, 9 to 12 months and more than 12 months respectively, in tabular form. — James Browne. [54032/17]

*478. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the allocation of the €15 million in new funding for mental health in 2017; the additional or new services being provided in 2017; the funding provided to each; the funding provided by CHO; and the additional posts being provided in each, in tabular form. — James Browne. [54033/17]

*479. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new whole time equivalent positions the €15 million in new funding for mental health in 2017 will provide; and the number of positions in each, by category (details supplied), in tabular form. — James Browne. [54034/17]

*480. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional posts recruited and appointed in 2017 for the development of the DeafHear national service. — James Browne. [54035/17]

*481. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the completion of the model of care for ADHD. — James Browne. [54036/17]

*482. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the completion of the model of care for dual diagnosis. — James Browne. [54037/17]

*483. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the embedding of the existing ten jigsaw sites to full capacity and the development of new sites in counties Cork, Dublin and Limerick. — James Browne. [54038/17]

*484. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the cross divisional governance arrangements in place for the development of counselling services for those under 18 years of age in primary care. — James Browne. [54039/17]

*485. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the capacity expansion that has taken place in high observation units in Galway, Limerick and Drogheda in 2017. — James Browne. [54040/17]

*486. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made on the provision of high observation units in counties Donegal and Kerry. — James Browne. [54041/17]

*487. To ask the Minister for Health if a model of care for a specialist rehab unit has been agreed; if a cohort of population for a specialist rehab unit has been identified; and if so, the details of both. — James Browne. [54042/17]

*488. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new central mental hospital beds for those admitted under section 21(2) of the Mental Health Act 2001 that have opened in 2017. — James Browne. [54043/17]

*489. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new staff appointed in 2017 to support the National Forensic Service. — James Browne. [54044/17]

*490. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the recruitment and establishment of a CAMHS community based forensic mental health team. — James Browne. [54045/17]

*491. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the provision of mental health services for persons experiencing homelessness has been expanded in 2017. — James Browne. [54046/17]

*492. To ask the Minister for Health if an agreed ARI contract with each CHO on delivery of programme of education and capacity building to support development of recovery oriented services is now in place. — James Browne. [54047/17]

*493. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review of the care pathway for MHID patients within the central mental hospital. — James Browne. [54048/17]

*494. To ask the Minister for Health the initiatives being taken to address the shortage of clinical space from which community based mental health services can be delivered and to refurbish existing approved centres. — James Browne. [54049/17]

*495. To ask the Minister for Health if home help hours for a person (details supplied) will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54059/17]

*496. To ask the Minister for Health when parts 2 and 3 of the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 will be commenced; the transition arrangements which were put in place in 2015; the expected timeframe set out then; if the registry is set up; if not, when it will be; if clinics ceased using anonymous egg and sperm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [54091/17]

*497. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [54106/17]

*498. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care packages being provided in each LHO area. — Billy Kelleher. [54107/17]

*499. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for home care packages in each LHO area in tabular form; and the number waiting 0 to 3 months, 3 to 6 months, 6 to 12 months and 12 months plus respectively. — Billy Kelleher. [54108/17]

*500. To ask the Minister for Health the number of transitional care beds being provided to all acute hospitals to support older persons moving to long stay care or requiring convalescence. — Billy Kelleher. [54109/17]

*501. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the multi divisional group to progress the implementation of the national carers' strategy. — Billy Kelleher. [54110/17]

*502. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the carers need assessment tool tested for implementation in 2017 through the SAT project. — Billy Kelleher. [54111/17]

*503. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the work of the HSE multi divisional review group to review respite services to determine the requirements for respite care and identify the gaps in service provision; and the gaps identified for each CHO, in tabular format. — Billy Kelleher. [54112/17]

*504. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the HSE multi divisional group review of the progress of the recommendations of the home solutions report tele care services; and the action taken as a result of the review. — Billy Kelleher. [54113/17]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the HSE policy and guidelines for the early identification of carers. — Billy Kelleher. [54114/17]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the development of a carers needs assessment; and if it will be progressed through the SAT project in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [54115/17]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health the CHOs that have established residents councils, family forums, service user panels or equivalent in social care, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [54116/17]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons being supported through transitional care in alternative care settings. — Billy Kelleher. [54117/17]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in acute hospitals approved for transitional care to move to alternative care settings. — Billy Kelleher. [54118/17]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health the policy changes undertaken by St Columcille's hospital with regard to the number of enquiries to private and voluntary nursing homes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [54123/17]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health the details for both Our Lady's children's hospital, Crumlin and Temple Street children's university hospital of the number of spinal fusion patients currently waiting less than 4 months, 4 to 8 months and more than 8 months for treatment, in tabular form; and if the same information will be provided for other spinal patients. — Billy Kelleher. [54124/17]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the results of the state of health in the EU report; his views on its criticism of the two tier model of care and the high

hospitalisation rates for conditions that should normally be treated in primary care settings; his plans to address these issues through the full implementation of Sláintecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54182/17]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health the use his department has made of the government jet since coming into office, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54198/17]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health the use his department has made of the government jet in each of the years March 2011 to February 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54214/17]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health the photography costs for his department in each year since March 2011 inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used, in tabular form; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54230/17]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health the use of external public relations firms employed by his department in each year since March 2011; the list of uses of the external public relations firm; the internal department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54246/17]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health the external consultant reports commissioned by his department since March 2011; the costs per report; the company involved; the title of the report; and the publication date, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [54262/17]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health the level of expenditure by his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on advertising of government information campaigns published specifically in national and regional newspapers in addition to all online advertising for all such government information campaigns; the name for each such information campaign to which this expenditure related; the cost of each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54278/17]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health the level of expenditure by his department or organisations under the aegis of his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on photography, advertising, communications advice, public relations, website development, media interview training and preparation; the events, campaigns or policies to which this expenditure related; the company or person to which such payments were made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54294/17]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health if he will permit the funding of dental implants in the cases of reconstructive surgery post oncological treatment; if his attention has been drawn to the fact implant procedures are of a critical nature in allowing a person to relearn the way to eat solid food; the options available to persons if treatment is withdrawn due to a funding restriction (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [54302/17]

Chun an Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara: To the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

*521. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he will take to ensure that a person (detail supplied) has their BPS payment issued without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [53508/17]

*522. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an application by a person (details supplied); if the persons are entitled to 40% or 60% grant aid in this case; when a decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53552/17]

*523. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the Acts, or parts of Acts, awaiting commencement within his area of statutory responsibility; the reason for the delay in the commencement of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53560/17]

*524. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding a PSV licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [53598/17]

*525. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS 1 payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry following the successful review of their application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [53600/17]

*526. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS 1 payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry following the successful review of their application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [53601/17]

*527. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an overclaim being applied to a TAMS grant will be reviewed in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry in view of the lack of options on the online application portal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [53604/17]

*528. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of full time and part time staff working in the dedicated international markets focus section; and the yearly cost of including staffing costs. — Charlie McConalogue. [53628/17]

*529. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of full time and part time staff assigned to the dedicated Brexit unit within his department by staff grade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [53629/17]

*530. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times, including dates and locations, that the Brexit consultative committee has met since the UK Brexit referendum in June 2016, in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [53630/17]

*531. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of companies that have completed the Brexit barometer to date since it was launched by companies larger than SME size, SME size, medium size and micro size companies, in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [53631/17]

*532. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff recruited an annual basis in Bord Bia since the Brexit referendum in June 2016, between new staff hires

and replacement staff, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [53632/17]

*533. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff recruited on an annual basis since the Brexit referendum in June 2016, between new staff hires and replacement staff in State agencies and bodies under his aegis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [53633/17]

*534. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the Irish embassies worldwide which have agricultural attachés stationed; and the number of such attachés stationed in each such specific embassy by city and country. — Charlie McConalogue. [53634/17]

*535. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the 2016 programme for government commitment to propose a lowering of the cap on basic payments; and the timeframe for implementation of this action. — Charlie McConalogue. [53635/17]

*536. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of approved persons that have applied to the knowledge transfer group scheme in the beef, sheep, dairy, tillage, equine and poultry sectors, in tabular form; the targeted number of groups formed; the number of groups finalised to date; the number of payments that have issued to date; the 2017 budget allocation for the KTG scheme; the funds allocated to the scheme under the 2014-2020 RDP; the amount of moneys expended to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [53636/17]

*537. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications received under the targeted agricultural modernisation scheme 2 by county, in tabular form; the number of approved applications by county; the number of payment claims logged by county; the number of payment claims that have been approved for payment by county; the funds allocated to the scheme under the 2014-2020 RDP; the amount of moneys expended to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [53637/17]

*538. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the beef forum is due to meet next; and the number of meetings to date since the forum was established, in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [53638/17]

*539. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the dairy forum is due to meet next; and the number of meetings to date since the forum was established, in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [53639/17]

*540. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the review of the Agriculture Appeals Act 2001; and if there is farmer representation on the review committee. — Charlie McConalogue. [53640/17]

*541. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the criteria to enter category 1, 2 and 3 under the newly opened hen harrier scheme; when first payments will issue for the scheme; the average estimated payment to participants; the budget allocated under the RDP 2014-2020 to this scheme; and the amount of funds expended to date under the relevant RDP measure. — Charlie McConalogue. [53642/17]

*542. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons enrolled in GLAS 1, 2 and 3 that have submitted their nutrient management plans to date; and the number per

county that have not submitted their nutrient management plans to date. — Charlie McConalogue. [53643/17]

*543. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to make an amendment to the 2014-2020 rural development programme to enable grant aid to the installation of anaerobic digesters on farms (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [53644/17]

*544. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce a voucher scheme for farmers that are running very low on fodder stocks; and his further plans to draw up a fodder aid fund. — Charlie McConalogue. [53645/17]

*545. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the individual allocation to AEOS, GLAS and organics under the €233.8 million announced for agri-environmental schemes in budget 2018. — Charlie McConalogue. [53646/17]

*546. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of exchequer funding given to the world food programme over the 2010 to 2017 period; and the amount allocated in 2018. — Charlie McConalogue. [53647/17]

*547. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of discussions with the European Commission to seek approval for revising the 20% rule under the forestry programme 2014 to 2020. — Charlie McConalogue. [53648/17]

*548. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons that applied to the 2017 national reserve without having completed a green cert by the May 2017 deadline. — Charlie McConalogue. [53649/17]

*549. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications to the 2017 national reserve and young farmers scheme, by county, in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [53650/17]

*550. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the 2018 ANC scheme will open for applications; the estimated payment rates in view of the fact additional exchequer funding has been allocated to the scheme; the latest date at the planned ANC review and timetable agreed at EU level; and the status of the progress of mapping for review. — Charlie McConalogue. [53651/17]

*551. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average number of livestock units per hectare on land by category (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [53654/17]

*552. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average number of livestock units excluding tillage farmers that receive a BPS payment per hectare, by category (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [53655/17]

*553. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average number of livestock units per hectare of all farmers that receive a BPS payment, by category (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [53656/17]

*554. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question numbers 223 and 224 of 26 October 2017, if the requested information has been compiled by county, in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [53657/17]

*555. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the name of all internal reports and research studies conducted or commissioned by his department and the agencies under his aegis since June 2016 on Brexit regarding agrifood and fisheries, in tabular form; the publication date of all such studies; the reports and research studies that remain uncompleted; the date they are expected to be completed; and if each publication will be published. — Charlie McConalogue. [53658/17]

*556. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address concerns regarding the potential conflict of interest inherent in the fisheries division of his department which is responsible for both the licensing of aquaculture in addition to the development and growth of the aquaculture and fisheries industries across the county; his plans to reform the current arrangement in order that a healthy distinction is made between the separate roles of regulation and policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53660/17]

*557. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has confidence in the Marine Institute after it issued a statement on 8 December 2017 in relation to the viral disease he identified in reply to parliamentary question number 49 of 8 November 2017 (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [53694/17]

*558. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will instruct the Marine Institute to issue a correction of equal prominence to its erroneous statement on 8 December 2017 claiming that only salmon contracted cardiomyopathy and inform the public of the highly transmissible nature of the cardiomyopathy virus as made clear in peer reviewed published research. — Clare Daly. [53695/17]

*559. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he plans to take to ensure that the Marine Institute is properly staffed to guarantee that information provided to the public is scientifically accurate. — Clare Daly. [53696/17]

*560. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the recent regulation (EU) 2016/429 on transmissible animal diseases (details supplied); and if he will reconsider his refusal to release information with regard to the outbreak of cardiomyopathy resulting in 200,000 mortalities of farmed salmon and numerous wild mackerel reported to Inland Fisheries Ireland's Macroom office by a member of the public on the afternoon of 21 September 2017. — Clare Daly. [53697/17]

*561. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the virus cardiomyopathy has been found in the lice that infect farmed salmon. — Clare Daly. [53698/17]

*562. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the cardiomyopathy virus revealed by him in reply to parliamentary question number 49 of 8 November 2017 is not now nor will become transmissible to human beings. — Clare Daly. [53699/17]

*563. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the recommendations of the 2014 report on promoting sustainable rural coastal and island communities by the Oireachtas Joint Sub-Committee on Fisheries that have been implemented; the recommendations of the report that remain to be implemented; the reason for the delay in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53727/17]

*564. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on issuing heritage licences by his department for rural coastal and island communities as recommended in the report on

promoting sustainable rural coastal and island communities by the Oireachtas Joint Sub-Committee on Fisheries; if legislative changes are needed to issue such licences; and if his department carried out work on issuing such licences including costs that would be incurred. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53728/17]

*565. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the final 2018 Irish quotas agreed in tonnage for each fishing species at the EU fishing ministers meeting; the value in euro if available; the final 2017 quota agreed for each such species; and the difference between 2017 and 2018 quotas in percentage terms. — Charlie McConalogue. [53976/17]

*566. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the new the new statutory instrument he is planning to publish regarding fishing points in the fishing industry. — Charlie McConalogue. [53977/17]

*567. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of bilateral meetings he has had with his other European ministerial colleagues regarding fishing quotas and safeguarding Irish fishing interests ahead of the December 2017 Council of Fisheries ministers meetings. — Charlie McConalogue. [53978/17]

*568. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of progress towards the programme for government commitment to review the Agriculture Appeals Act 2001. — Charlie McConalogue. [53979/17]

*569. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of progress towards the programme for government commitment that the green cert will be reviewed to ensure it is fit for purpose. — Charlie McConalogue. [53980/17]

*570. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of progress towards the programme for government commitment to seek recognition from the European Commission for forgotten farmers as a group with specific disadvantage under the national reserve in the same way that old young farmers are currently provided for; and the number of meetings he has had with Commission representatives on this issue. — Charlie McConalogue. [53981/17]

*571. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of progress towards the programme for government commitment to support for further action at EU level to deliver greater transparency and fairness in the food supply chain; and the number of Council of Agriculture Ministers meetings at which he has raised this subject with colleagues. — Charlie McConalogue. [53982/17]

*572. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of progress towards the programme for government commitment to explore the potential for the development of onshore close containment fish farming as an emerging technology. — Charlie McConalogue. [53983/17]

*573. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of bilateral meetings he has had with other European ministers in his portfolio regarding fishing quotas and safeguarding Irish fishing interests ahead of the December 2017 Council of Fisheries Ministers meetings. — Charlie McConalogue. [53984/17]

*574. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of progress towards the programme for government commitment to continuing to explore the potential development of an all-island label to successfully address the problems associated with so called nomad cattle; and

the number of North South ministerial meetings at which he raised this subject with colleagues. — Charlie McConalogue. [53986/17]

*575. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an ANC payment for 2017 due to a person (details supplied) will be issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [54010/17]

*576. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to invest in facilities for public use; if such investment will be made in 2018 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [54060/17]

*577. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to upgrade or provide new facilities in 2018 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [54061/17]

*578. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will give further consideration to the introduction of a fodder aid scheme following the Fianna Fáil Private Members Motion on this issue and the difficulties facing farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [54121/17]

*579. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the use his department has made of the government jet since coming into office, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54188/17]

*580. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the use his department has made of the government jet in each of the years March 2011 to February 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54204/17]

*581. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the photography costs for his department in each year since March 2011 inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used, in tabular form; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54220/17]

*582. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the use of external public relations firms employed by his department in each year since March 2011; the list of uses of the external public relations firm; the internal department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54236/17]

*583. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the external consultant reports commissioned by his department since March 2011; the costs per report; the company involved; the title of the report; and the publication date, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [54252/17]

*584. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of expenditure by his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on advertising of government information campaigns published specifically in national and regional newspapers in addition to all online advertising for all such government information campaigns; the name for each such information campaign to which this expenditure related; the cost of each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54268/17]

*585. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of expenditure by his department or organisations under the aegis of his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on photography, advertising, communications advice, public relations, website development, media interview training and preparation; the events, campaigns or policies to which this expenditure related; the company or person to which such payments were made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54284/17]

Chun an Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil: To the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

*586. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the use of smoky coals will still be allowed for certain types of engine for example vintage tractor engines and vintage locomotive engines; his plans to make provisions for the use of smoky coal allowable in very specific circumstances in view of his recent announcement on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [53543/17]

*587. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the Acts, or parts of Acts, awaiting commencement within his area of statutory responsibility; the reason for the delay in the commencement of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53563/17]

*588. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress that been made between his department and private waste collectors in providing waivers or extra allowances in relation to the pay by weight system for families that have children or adults with special needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53586/17]

*589. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if fibre broadband will be extended to a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53591/17]

*590. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of full time and part time staff working directly in the Climate Change Advisory Council; the yearly running costs including staffing costs; and the exchequer funding in each year since it was established. — Niall Collins. [53689/17]

*591. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of amber premises for the State intervention area; the number of blue and light blue premises to be covered by commercial operators; the number of premises that have been connected under the plan for each such category under the national broadband plan, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53723/17]

*592. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the date by which the contract for the State intervention area will be awarded under the national broadband plan; and the approximate project build time from award of tender to construction and completion of all premises. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53724/17]

*593. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated cost of extending the SEAI grant for electric vehicle purchase until 2019 to 2023, respectively. — Timmy Dooley. [54078/17]

*594. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated cost of extending the SEAI grant for hybrid vehicle purchase until 2019 to 2023, respectively. — Timmy Dooley. [54079/17]

*595. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount that has been contributed to the green climate fund in 2017; and the amount that is pledged for 2018. — Timmy Dooley. [54082/17]

*596. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the licence fee receipts collected in 2017 to date; the level of evasion that is currently estimated to occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [54083/17]

*597. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount that has been allocated to residential energy efficiency programmes for 2018, by programme. — Timmy Dooley. [54084/17]

*598. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount that has been budgeted for journalism bursaries for 2018; the number of bursaries that will be provided with this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [54085/17]

*599. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to introduce measures to deal with the large volumes of packaging resulting from persons purchasing goods online from producers and retailers that fall outside of a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [54088/17]

*600. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the use of external public relations firms employed by his department per annum since coming into office, in tabular form; the external public relations firms used; the internal departmental policy with regard to employing external groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [54089/17]

*601. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the photography costs per annum for his department since coming to office, inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance, in tabular form; the occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the breakdown of costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [54090/17]

*602. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the use his department has made of the government jet since coming into office, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54191/17]

*603. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the use his department has made of the government jet in each of the years March 2011 to February 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54207/17]

*604. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the photography costs for his department in each year since March 2011 inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used, in

tabular form; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within his department. — Shane Cassells. [54223/17]

*605. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the use of external public relations firms employed by his department in each year since March 2011; the list of uses of the external public relations firm; the internal department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54239/17]

*606. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the external consultant reports commissioned by his department since March 2011; the costs per report; the company involved; the title of the report; and the publication date, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [54255/17]

*607. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the level of expenditure by his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on advertising of government information campaigns published specifically in national and regional newspapers in addition to all online advertising for all such government information campaigns; the name for each such information campaign to which this expenditure related; the cost of each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54271/17]

*608. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the level of expenditure by his department or organisations under the aegis of his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on photography, advertising, communications advice, public relations, website development, media interview training and preparation; the events, campaigns or policies to which this expenditure related; the company or person to which such payments were made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54287/17]

Chun an Aire Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt: To the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport.

*609. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress as provided under the programme for government on €100 million capital investment in the Wild Atlantic Way and greenways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53714/17]

*610. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress as provided under the programme for government on €10 million in additional funding for regional airports; the capital expenditure that has been allocated in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53715/17]

*611. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress as provided under the programme for government on review of the western rail corridor phase two between Athenry and Claremorris for passenger and freight use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53716/17]

*612. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress as provided under the programme for government on TEN-T transport funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53719/17]

*613. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress as provided under the programme for government on capital budget for local and regional roads and the commitment to

increase this budget by approximately 50%; the capital expenditure that has been allocated for 2016 and 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53720/17]

*614. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress as provided under the programme for government on rural transport and the commitment that a report will be provided to the relevant Oireachtas Committee within six months examining the way in which existing routes can be made more sustainable and accessible to the public and the potential for new routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53721/17]

*615. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if discussions were held between his department and the FAI regarding the possibility of bidding for the extra games in Euro 2020 after Brussels lost the right to host matches for the tournament; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [53523/17]

*616. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if officials from his department have studied the Australian Institute of Sport; his plans to fund something similar to exceed the State's goals in sporting tournaments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [53524/17]

*617. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a bus stop. — Niamh Smyth. [53557/17]

*618. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the Acts, or parts of Acts, awaiting commencement within his area of statutory responsibility; the reason for the delay in the commencement of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53575/17]

*619. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will include two fishing ports (details supplied) in the list of merchant shipping registry of ports here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [53599/17]

*620. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Castlebar train station is to become an unmanned station; and if so, the date of same. — Lisa Chambers. [53606/17]

*621. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the staffing levels at Castlebar train station; his plans to reduce staff numbers; and the staff positions that will be made redundant. — Lisa Chambers. [53607/17]

*622. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to remove the station manager from Castlebar train station. — Lisa Chambers. [53608/17]

*623. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to extend a scheme to include a new category (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [53623/17]

*624. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he is taking to develop a vision zero policy toward road traffic fatalities and serious injuries and to meet the target reductions in these casualties proposed by 2020 at the recent World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [53908/17]

*625. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to launch a new sports capital programme in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [54063/17]

*626. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to increase funding available to the local improvement scheme programme; and the cost of restoring the programme to pre-2012 levels. — Robert Troy. [54092/17]

*627. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated number of persons that avail of parking at park and ride facilities at all rail stations on a daily basis. — Robert Troy. [54093/17]

*628. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding that has been allocated by his department in 2018 for the introduction of variable speed limits on the M50. — Robert Troy. [54094/17]

*629. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding that has been provided to the Coast Guard each year since 2000. — Robert Troy. [54095/17]

*630. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to increase funding available to the local improvement scheme programme; and the cost of restoring the programme to pre-2012 levels. — Robert Troy. [54096/17]

*631. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding that his department has spent on external consultancy contracts in 2017. — Robert Troy. [54097/17]

*632. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the use of external public relations firms employed by his department per annum since coming into office, in tabular form; the external public relations firm used; the internal departmental policy with regard to employing external groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [54098/17]

*633. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the total photography costs per annum for his department since coming to office, inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance, in tabular form; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the breakdown of costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [54099/17]

*634. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the 2014 Road Safety Authority review of the driver test; the steps that have been taken to implement it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [54145/17]

*635. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the available options for the completion of the narrow water bridge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [54150/17]

*636. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the use his department has made of the government jet since coming into office, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54203/17]

*637. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the use his department has made of the government jet in each of the years March 2011 to February 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54219/17]

*638. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the photography costs for his department in each year since March 2011 inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used, in tabular form; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54235/17]

*639. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the use of external public relations firms employed by his department in each year since March 2011; the list of uses of the external public relations firm; the internal department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54251/17]

*640. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the external consultant reports commissioned by his department since March 2011; the costs per report; the company involved; the title of the report; and the publication date, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [54267/17]

*641. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the level of expenditure by his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on advertising of government information campaigns published specifically in national and regional newspapers in addition to all online advertising for all such government information campaigns; the name for each such information campaign to which this expenditure related; the cost of each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54283/17]

*642. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the level of expenditure by his department or organisations under the aegis of his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on photography, advertising, communications advice, public relations, website development, media interview training and preparation; the events, campaigns or policies to which this expenditure related; the company or person to which such payments were made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54299/17]

Chun an Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige: To the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs.

*643. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when Ireland will ratify the second optional protocol of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; and the legal reason Ireland has not done so. — Clare Daly. [53518/17]

*644. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the fact that each educational welfare officer is assigned to an average of 50 schools; her plans to tackle this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [51918/17]

*645. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to ratify the optional protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53549/17]

*646. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the Acts, or parts of Acts, awaiting commencement within her area of statutory responsibility; the reason for the delay in the

commencement of each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53562/17]

*647. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her long term plans with regard to the ECCE scheme; if a decision on the over age exemption from the early childhood care and education scheme will be reversed and not just paused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53625/17]

*648. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to improve services and provide additional facilities in counties Cavan and Monaghan for victims of domestic abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [53897/17]

*649. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of discussions between her department and the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to disparity of treatment in respect of the application of commercial rates to private early services that provide full day services or afterschool services and have to pay full commercial rates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [54013/17]

*650. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount of funding provided to the school completion programme in 2017; and the amount budgeted for 2018. — Anne Rabbitte. [54064/17]

*651. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of schools that have availed of the school completion programme each year since 2011. — Anne Rabbitte. [54065/17]

*652. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount of funding provided to the family resource centre network in 2017; and the amount budgeted for 2018. — Anne Rabbitte. [54066/17]

*653. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount of funding provided to the family resource centres in 2017; and the total amount budgeted for 2018. — Anne Rabbitte. [54067/17]

*654. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her expansion plans for the family resource centre network; and the counties in which she plans on establishing new family resource centres. — Anne Rabbitte. [54068/17]

*655. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount of funding provided to the school completion programme in 2017; and the amount budgeted for 2018. — Anne Rabbitte. [54069/17]

*656. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the cost of hiring an additional social care worker. — Anne Rabbitte. [54070/17]

*657. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the details of the 300 additional Tusla staff that are being recruited to handle mandatory reporting, by job title and pay grade. — Anne Rabbitte. [54071/17]

*658. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the use of external public relations firms employed per annum by her department since coming into office, in tabular form; the external

public relations firm used; the internal departmental policy with regard to employing external groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [54072/17]

*659. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the photography costs per annum for her department since coming to office, inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance, in tabular form; the occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within her department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [54073/17]

*660. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the average length of time that children in each county are waiting to be allocated a social worker in relation to cases including high priority cases of child protection and children in care. — Anne Rabbitte. [54074/17]

*661. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the opening date of the consultation on the over age exemption in the ECCE programme; the closing date; and the date by which her department will make a decision on the future of the over age exemption. — Anne Rabbitte. [54075/17]

*662. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount her department has spent on guardian ad litem services, by provider. — Anne Rabbitte. [54076/17]

*663. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated cost of increasing the number of weeks provided under ECCE by 1 to 8 weeks, respectively. — Anne Rabbitte. [54077/17]

*664. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the use her department has made of the government jet since coming into office, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54190/17]

*665. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the use her department has made of the government jet in each of the years March 2011 to February 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54206/17]

*666. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the photography costs for her department in each year since March 2011 inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used, in tabular form; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within her department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54222/17]

*667. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the use of external public relations firms employed by her department in each year since March 2011; the list of uses of the external public relations firm; the internal department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54238/17]

*668. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the external consultant reports commissioned by her department since March 2011; the costs per report; the company involved; the title of the report; and the publication date, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [54254/17]

*669. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the level of expenditure by her department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on advertising of government information

campaigns published specifically in national and regional newspapers in addition to all online advertising for all such government information campaigns; the name for each such information campaign to which this expenditure related; the cost of each, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54270/17]

*670. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the level of expenditure by her department or organisations under the aegis of her department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on photography, advertising, communications advice, public relations, website development, media interview training and preparation; the events, campaigns or policies to which this expenditure related; the company or person to which such payments were made, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54286/17]

Chun an Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail: To the Minister for Rural and Community Development.

*671. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the Acts, or parts of Acts, awaiting commencement within his area of statutory responsibility; the reason for the delay in the commencement of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53574/17]

*672. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of the €28 million prepaid to local authorities at the end of 2016 that has not been spent to date on the projects for which it was approved; the steps being taken to either ensure that this money is spent or the money repaid to his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53703/17]

*673. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his department has sought permission from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to carry over unspent capital to 2018; if so, the amount sought as a carryover; the reason this was necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53704/17]

*674. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the capital allocated to his department for 2017; the amount spent to date by subhead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53705/17]

*675. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if permission has been sought or granted to his department to pre-pay local authorities or other bodies for works sanctioned but not carried out before the end of 2017 and to allow these bodies do the work in 2018; if so, the amount of money to be pre-paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53706/17]

*676. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress as provided under the programme for government on the development of a new Atlantic economic corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53718/17]

*677. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his ministerial briefing has been published and is downloadable on his department's new website. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53729/17]

*678. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount allocated to town centre health checks per annum; the number of checks undertaken by county; and the number planned. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54144/17]

*679. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the use his department has made of the government jet since coming into office, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54202/17]

*680. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the use his department has made of the government jet in each of the years March 2011 to February 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54218/17]

*681. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the photography costs for his department in each year since March 2011 inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used, in tabular form; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54234/17]

*682. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the use of external public relations firms employed by his department in each year since March 2011; the list of uses of the external public relations firm; the internal department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54250/17]

*683. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the external consultant reports commissioned by his department since March 2011; the costs per report; the company involved; the title of the report; and the publication date, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [54266/17]

*684. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the level of expenditure by his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on advertising of government information campaigns published specifically in national and regional newspapers in addition to all online advertising for all such government information campaigns; the name for each such information campaign to which this expenditure related; the cost of each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54282/17]

*685. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the level of expenditure by his department or organisations under the aegis of his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on photography, advertising, communications advice, public relations, website development, media interview training and preparation; the events, campaigns or policies to which this expenditure related; the company or person to which such payments were made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54298/17]

Chun an Aire Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

*686. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of if and when contracts in the labour market as defined by the UL study into low hours contracts; and the number of zero hour contracts as defined under the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997 in operation. — Niall Collins. [53692/17]

*687. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of progress towards the programme for government commitment to review the fish assist scheme in recognition of the irregular earning patterns of fishermen. — Charlie McConalogue. [53985/17]

*688. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if persons in receipt of farm assist are eligible to pay PRSI; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [53511/17]

*689. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a community employment scheme can be extended to accommodate persons (details supplied). — Bernard J. Durkan. [53520/17]

*690. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of departmental staff by departmental premises and within statutory bodies within her remit and their grades employed in Drogheda. — Imelda Munster. [53532/17]

*691. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason self employed persons that became disabled and as a result unable to work in the past years are not entitled to invalidity pensions even if they had worked for many years prior to becoming disabled and for a few years were not in a position to make PRSI contributions and are now being penalised for this; her plans to amend the legislation to ensure that all self employed persons that have become disabled will be entitled to an invalidity pension; if she will examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53538/17]

*692. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the entitlements of persons qualifying for the long term illness scheme; her plans to make provision for persons within this category in their own right that do not receive a social welfare payment to be included in vocational training opportunities and employment schemes; if persons qualifying under the long term illness scheme can be deemed eligible for workplace programmes and training courses even if they do not receive a social welfare payment; her further plans to review this scheme with the objective of making other supports available for persons within this category; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [53555/17]

*693. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if illness benefit will be paid to a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [53558/17]

*694. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the Acts, or parts of Acts, awaiting commencement within her area of statutory responsibility; the reason for the delay in the commencement of each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53567/17]

*695. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of progress on the programme for government commitment to implement the pathways to work five year strategy which aims to help 50,000 long term unemployed persons into jobs. — Niall Collins. [53661/17]

*696. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application for a State pension (contributory) by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53713/17]

*697. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of progress in the pathways to work 2016-2020 to reduce the ratio between youth and overall unemployment from 2.2:1 to less than 2:1 by the end of 2017. — Niall Collins. [53795/17]

*698. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will reconsider refusal of exceptional needs payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53927/17]

*699. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a jobseeker's allowance application will be approved in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53930/17]

*700. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to previous parliamentary questions in the case of a person (details supplied), if an exceptional needs payment will be reconsidered in their case a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53932/17]

*701. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to previous parliamentary questions in respect of a preferential claim against a person (details supplied), if this can be taken into account in the determination of their case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53935/17]

*702. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a carer's allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [54011/17]

*703. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [54015/17]

*704. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if managers of local community employment schemes are permitted to request for financial contributions from community groups to support the running costs of the scheme; if so, the relevant guidelines regarding requests for such financial donations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54058/17]

*705. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the training in work training upskilling schemes funded by her department, in tabular form; the number of persons in each such scheme; the funding provided in 2016 and 2017; and the budget allocation for 2018. — Niall Collins. [54127/17]

*706. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the labour market activation measures and schemes by her department that are being deployed to reduce long term unemployment, in tabular form; the number of persons in each such scheme; the funding provided in 2016 and 2017; and the budget allocation for 2018. — Niall Collins. [54128/17]

*707. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons in nationally accredited internships; the number of internships in public and private sectors; the regulatory framework concerning persons in internship schemes or nationally accredited internships; and the national minimum wage. — Niall Collins. [54129/17]

*708. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the rate of youth unemployment here; the way in which this compares to the EU average, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [54155/17]

*709. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the rate of unemployment for persons with a disability here; the way in which this compares to the EU average, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [54156/17]

*710. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the government's child poverty target; the likelihood of this target being reached within the timeframe set; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [54157/17]

*711. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the national social target for poverty reduction; the likelihood of this target being reached within the timeframe set; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [54158/17]

*712. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of households in each county in the years 2012 to 2017 in receipt of rent supplement; the number of households in those years that have had their rent supplement increased over and above the standard rate set for each local authority, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [54159/17]

*713. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that are 65 years of age and over in receipt of a jobseeker's payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [54160/17]

*714. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the Intreo office catchment areas for the north west areas of County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54183/17]

*715. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the use her department has made of the government jet since coming into office, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54195/17]

*716. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the use her department has made of the government jet in each of the years March 2011 to February 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54211/17]

*717. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the photography costs for her department in each year since March 2011 inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used, in tabular form; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within her department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54227/17]

*718. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the use of external public relations firms employed by her department in each year since March 2011; the list of uses of the external public relations firm; the internal department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54243/17]

*719. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the external consultant reports commissioned by her department since March 2011; the costs per report; the company involved; the title of the report; and the publication date, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [54259/17]

*720. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the level of expenditure by her department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on advertising of government information campaigns published specifically in national and regional newspapers in addition to all online advertising for all such government information campaigns; the name for each such information campaign to which this expenditure related; the cost of each, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54275/17]

*721. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the level of expenditure by her department or organisations under the aegis of her department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on photography, advertising, communications advice, public relations, website development, media interview training and preparation; the events, campaigns or policies to which this expenditure related; the company or person to which such payments were made, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54291/17]

*722. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to parliamentary question number 490 of 5 December 2017, if a reduced benefit will be made available to premature babies born prior to 1 October 2017 that were in neonatal care when the cut off came into force in view of the commencement date for the additional leave and the fact that it cannot be extended to before 1 October 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [54303/17]

Chun an Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil: To the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government.

*723. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the net cost to Ervia and Irish Water from administering domestic water charges including the recent administration cost of refunds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [53904/17]

*724. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to dispose of the land at a location which is under the ownership of the State for the use of housing by a group (details supplied) for a nominal fee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [53525/17]

*725. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to parliamentary question number 520 of 14 November 2017, if he will consider amending section 239 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in order to include bike parks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53537/17]

*726. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the Acts, or parts of Acts, awaiting commencement within his area of statutory responsibility; the reason for the delay in the commencement of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53571/17]

*727. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if funding will be provided for a group water scheme (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [53602/17]

*728. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount of funding given to fire services in each county in each of the years 2012 to 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53712/17]

*729. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if specific funding will be allocated to a local authority to carry out necessary improvement works in a housing estate (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [53622/17]

*730. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of mortgage to rent transactions that have been fully completed to date by lender, local authority and approved housing body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53768/17]

*731. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of mortgage to rent applications each month in 2017 up to when the scheme was revised; the number of applications each month since the scheme was revised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53769/17]

*732. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of approved housing bodies here; the number that have undertaken a mortgage to rent scheme; the number of mortgage to rent transactions undertaken by each approved housing body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [53770/17]

*733. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the legislation, statutory instruments or departmental guidelines that permitted the use of rooms in hotels, guest houses and hostels for emergency accommodation for families and children in the period since 2009; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [53899/17]

*734. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of families and children housed in emergency accommodation in rooms at hotels, guest houses and hostels in each of the years 2009 to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [53900/17]

*735. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the cost of the use of hotels and guest houses for emergency accommodation in each of the years 2009 to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [53901/17]

*736. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the senior counsel investigation into certain planning matters in County Donegal; the timeframe involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [54140/17]

*737. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of NAMA units offered to local authorities; the number accepted; and the number transferred in each of the years 2011 to 2017, by county, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [54149/17]

*738. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to a study by a group (details supplied) which found over 90% of properties available for rent were beyond the affordability of persons on HAP; the steps he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54185/17]

*739. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if further consideration has been given to the introduction of an affordable housing scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54186/17]

*740. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the photography costs for his department in each year since March 2011 inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used, in tabular form; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54231/17]

*741. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the use of external public relations firms employed by his department in each year since March 2011; the list of uses of the external public relations firm; the internal department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54247/17]

*742. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the external consultant reports commissioned by his department since March 2011; the costs per report; the company involved; the title of the report; and the publication date, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [54263/17]

*743. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the level of expenditure by his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on advertising of government information campaigns published specifically in national and regional newspapers in addition to all online advertising for all such government information campaigns; the name for each such information campaign to which this expenditure related; the cost of each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54279/17]

*744. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the level of expenditure by his department or organisations under the aegis of his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on photography, advertising, communications advice, public relations, website development, media interview training and preparation; the events, campaigns or policies to which this expenditure related; the company or person to which such payments were made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54295/17]

*745. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the length of time it has taken for HAP applications to be processed and approved from date of application to date of processing and payment by number, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [54301/17]

Chun an Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta: To the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

*746. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will ensure the protection of turf cutting for domestic use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [53596/17]

*747. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when a new director of the Irish Museum of Modern Art will be appointed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53514/17]

*748. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when the position of director of the Irish Museum of Modern Art will be advertised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53515/17]

*749. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason for the delay in advertising the position of director of the Irish Museum of Modern Art in view of the fact that the previous director (details supplied) was announced as the director of an institution in June 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53516/17]

*750. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the Acts, or parts of Acts, awaiting commencement within her area of statutory responsibility; the reason for the delay in the commencement of each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53564/17]

*751. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the amount of the capital carry over from 2016 of €13 million that has not been spent to date; the subheads under which the underspend has occurred; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53700/17]

*752. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her department has sought permission from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to carry over unspent capital to 2018; if so, the amount sought as a carryover; the reason this was necessary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53701/17]

*753. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the amount of capital allocated to her department in 2017; the amount spent to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53702/17]

*754. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the capital and current budget allocations for Údarás na Gaeltachta in 2017 and 2018, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53725/17]

*755. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the timeframe for delivery of funds under budget 2018 to Údarás na Gaeltachta on linguistic, cultural and community development in the Gaeltacht. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53726/17]

*756. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the level of engagement between her department and the agencies under its remit with their counterparts in Northern Ireland in the ongoing Brexit negotiations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [53911/17]

*757. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the level of funding provided in her department's estimates for 2018 for Creative Ireland; the level of funding that will be allocated to local authorities and agencies under the remit of her department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [53912/17]

*758. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding provided by her department for 2017; the estimated expenditure under each major subhead by year end; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [53913/17]

*759. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will provide a breakdown of expenditure by her department on external public relations in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54122/17]

*760. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); the initiatives her department can take to recognise the history and contribution of this industry in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [54132/17]

*761. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to remove the cap in the percentage for the art scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54134/17]

*762. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her department has assessed or had contact with her EU colleagues in relation to the potential relocation of the European Union youth orchestra; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54135/17]

*763. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the use her department has made of the government jet since coming into office, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54192/17]

*764. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the use her department has made of the government jet in each of the years March 2011 to February 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54208/17]

*765. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the photography costs for her department in each year since March 2011 inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used, in tabular form; if there is a policy regarding the booking of photographers within her department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54224/17]

*766. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the use of external public relations firms employed by her department in each year since March 2011; the list of uses of the external public relations firm; the internal department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54240/17]

*767. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the external consultant reports commissioned by her department since March 2011; the costs per report; the company involved; the title of the report; and the publication date, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [54256/17]

*768. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the level of expenditure by her department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on advertising of government information campaigns published specifically in national and regional newspapers in addition to all online advertising for all such government information campaigns; the name for each such information campaign to which this expenditure related; the cost of each, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54272/17]

*769. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the level of expenditure by her department or organisations under the aegis of her department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on photography, advertising, communications advice, public relations, website development, media

interview training and preparation; the events, campaigns or policies to which this expenditure related; the company or person to which such payments were made, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54288/17]

Chun an Taoiseach agus Aire Cosanta: To the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence.

*770. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if director medical branch instruction number 52 amendment number 1 of 24 August 2016 is still relied upon by the Defence Forces for vaccinations and other preparations for overseas deployments. — Clare Daly. [53529/17]

*771. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the Acts, or parts of Acts, awaiting commencement within his area of statutory responsibility; the reason for the delay in the commencement of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53565/17]

*772. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the most up to date figures for the strength of the Permanent Defence Forces with regard to all three services and all ranks; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [54050/17]

*773. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the most up to date figures for the strength of the Reserve Defence Forces with regard to all three services and all ranks; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [54051/17]

*774. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of additional recruits the Permanent Defence Forces have recruited in 2017 with regard to all three services; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [54052/17]

*775. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of additional recruits the Reserve Defence Forces have taken on in 2017 with regard to all services; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [54053/17]

*776. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of suspect devices that the Defence Forces disposal unit has dealt with in 2017, by county, in tabular form. — Lisa Chambers. [54054/17]

*777. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of days spent at sea by members of the Naval Service Reserve in 2016 and 2017. — Lisa Chambers. [54055/17]

*778. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the use his department has made of the government jet since coming into office, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54193/17]

*779. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the use his department has made of the government jet in each of the years March 2011 to February 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54209/17]

*780. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the photography costs for his department in each year since March 2011 inclusive of costs incurred from use of the ministerial allowance; the list of occasions for which photographers were booked; the photographers used; the costs associated with each occasion that a photographer was used, in tabular form; if there is a policy

regarding the booking of photographers within his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54225/17]

*781. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the use of external public relations firms employed by his department in each year since March 2011; the list of uses of the external public relations firm; the internal department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [54241/17]

*782. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the external consultant reports commissioned by his department since March 2011; the costs per report; the company involved; the title of the report; and the publication date, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [54257/17]

*783. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the level of expenditure by his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on advertising of government information campaigns published specifically in national and regional newspapers in addition to all online advertising for all such government information campaigns; the name for each such information campaign to which this expenditure related; the cost of each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54273/17]

*784. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the level of expenditure by his department or organisations under the aegis of his department from 1 January 2017 to date in 2017 on photography, advertising, communications advice, public relations, website development, media interview training and preparation; the events, campaigns or policies to which this expenditure related; the company or person to which such payments were made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54289/17]