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CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet Committee F (National Security) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Gerry Adams. [5521/18]

2. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet Committee F (National Security) will next meet. — Brendan Howlin. [5753/18]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his engagement with the Prime Minister of Estonia, Mr Jüri Ratas on 31 January 2018. — Gerry Adams. [5522/18]

4. To ask the Taoiseach his planned meetings with foreign heads of state over the next two months. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5692/18]

5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the Prime Minister of Estonia in Dublin; and the issues discussed at the meeting. — Seán Haughey. [5977/18]

6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Estonian Prime Minister on 31 January 2018. — Brendan Howlin. [6882/18]

7. To ask the Taoiseach his travel plans over the next two months. — Micheál Martin. [6905/18]

8. To ask the Taoiseach the details of his forthcoming meetings with heads of government, heads of state and EU presidents over the next six months. — Joan Burton. [7296/18]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to Chancellor Merkel since she has formed a government. — Micheál Martin. [7443/18]

10. To ask the Taoiseach his department's role in the forthcoming national development plan. — Micheál Martin. [5704/18]

11. To ask the Taoiseach the role of his department in the forthcoming national development plan. — Brendan Howlin. [6884/18]

12. To ask the Taoiseach his department's role in developing the new national development plan. — Mary Lou McDonald. [6899/18]

13. To ask the Taoiseach his department's role in the forthcoming national development plan. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6962/18]

14. To ask the Taoiseach his department's role in the national development plan. — Joan Burton. [7297/18]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme for government progress report published in December 2017. — Gerry Adams. [5928/18]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress of the programme for government. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5978/18]

17. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff within his department that have decided to return to work after their official retirement date. — Micheál Martin. [6005/18]

18. To ask the Taoiseach his plans in respect of staffing levels in his department for 2018. — Mary Lou McDonald. [6900/18]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his address to Seanad Éireann and the new Seanad Reform group. — Micheál Martin. [6006/18]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent address to Seanad Éireann; and his plans for Seanad Reform. — Mary Lou McDonald. [6901/18]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his address to Seanad Éireann and the proposals for Seanad Reform. — Brendan Howlin. [7270/18]

22. To ask the Taoiseach the legislation under preparation or planned in his department. — Brendan Howlin. [6883/18]

23. To ask the Taoiseach the legislation under preparation by his department. — Joan Burton. [7295/18]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if his department's officials are involved in meetings to discuss sectoral plans or responses to Brexit. — Micheál Martin. [6904/18]

25. To ask the Taoiseach the number of Cabinet Committee meetings he attended in January 2018. — Micheál Martin. [6906/18]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

26. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the delivery on the programme for government commitment to increase ANC funding by €25 million in 2018 will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7416/18]

27. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to make changes to the forestry programme to restore priority to farmers as opposed to non-farmers that under the present programme receive equal treatment, which has created an anomaly in land prices which disadvantages the farming community; and his further plans to increase the level of assistance for engagement in agro-forestry. — Martin Kenny. [7227/18]

28. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason he agreed to European Commission plans to remove the fixed price for skimmed milk powder for public intervention in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7417/18]

29. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his strategy to overcome intractable problems faced by thousands of farmers that still have not received GLAS payments; his views on the high level of complaints regarding the operation of GLAS payments; the actions he plans to take to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [7226/18]

30. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications received for the fodder aid transport subsidy scheme; when payments will issue; his plans to reconsider introducing a meal voucher scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7418/18]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

31. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the latest communication to farmers from his department regarding the beef data genomics programme listed the star rating of cows but not their eligibility for the programme; and if he will instruct his officials to include eligibility information in such communications. — Martin Kenny. [7157/18]

32. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the latest Mercosur talks at EU level; and the measures he is taking to protect Irish beef farmers by ensuring that beef does not form part of any final Mercosur deal. — Charlie McConalogue. [7148/18]

33. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which dairy exports performed in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [7012/18]

34. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for and his plans to review his department's decision to leave out farmers in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Longford and Roscommon from the right to avail of the fodder transport subsidy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7114/18]

35. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if indications have been given at the EU Council of Agriculture Ministers in relation to funding level for CAP post 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7113/18]

36. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a €200 annual payment for suckler cows under the RDP scheme to ensure the sustainability of the national herd. — Charlie McConalogue. [7151/18]

37. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the penalty points statutory instrument as previously drafted in view of the fact that a written Supreme Court judgement has found the draft instrument to be flawed and invalid; if a new attempt to draft a Statutory Instrument will make provision for the Supreme Court judgement particularly to comply with the fair procedures aspect in the judgement; the timeframe for its introduction; if he has

engaged with the fishing sector since the Supreme Court judgement issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [6757/18]

38. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the 2018 TACs and quotas for Ireland's fishing sector as agreed at the December 2017 Fisheries Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [7131/18]

39. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has spoken to his French counterpart regarding CAP policy recently. — Michael Moynihan. [4305/18]

40. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the consultation with stakeholders will begin regarding the additional €25 million for the ANC payment; when a decision will be made on the way it will be allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [7140/18]

41. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts being made to seek new markets in the context of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [7013/18]

42. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to strengthen welfare regulations in the puppy farming industry here in view of a recent announcement by the UK parliament to tighten legislation including cross border sales; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [6853/18]

43. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding Ireland obtaining an extension to the derogation on the spreading of pig slurry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [7017/18]

44. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he is taking to ensure that puppies are not being sold illegally from here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [6665/18]

45. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce a pilot scheme in south County Kerry to eliminate tuberculosis in badgers by way of vaccinations and removal of badgers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [6672/18]

46. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the discussions held to date with the stakeholders relating to bovine EID tagging; the progress made to comply with the July deadline required in the EU regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [7143/18]

47. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which produce of aquaculture can be sold and marketed from Lough Foyle in view of the fact that there is no licensing procedure for the farms; the way in which produce is distinguished from licenced produce in the rest of the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7135/18]

48. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts being made to safeguard the fishing sector in the context of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [7130/18]

49. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to increase the level of direct support for the suckler cow herd to €200 per cow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [6667/18]

50. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the persons that qualify for the recently announced fodder transport support scheme; the counties included in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6911/18]

51. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the flexibility which will be given to farmers that lack adequate broadband to file applications online to his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7144/18]

52. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of fishermen in Brexit negotiations; if provisions are being put in place to regain Irish waters following Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [3860/18]

53. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures his department has taken to support farmers facing difficulty with fodder supply over the winter. — Tom Neville. [7010/18]

54. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the communications he has had with Coillte in view of the reported problems with the forestry partnership project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7008/18]

55. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of GLAS 1, 2 and 3 farmers that have received their 2017 advance payment; the number that have not received this payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7149/18]

56. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the timeframe and costs of the fodder transport scheme for farmers in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7134/18]

57. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures his department has taken to support farmers facing difficulty with fodder supply over the winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [6913/18]

58. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which each of the 29 recommendations contained in a report (details supplied) has been implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7115/18]

59. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many farmers in the west of the country are now experiencing problems with slurry disposal due to bad weather; and his plans to carry out a study into the feasibility of establishing bio-digestive systems to avoid disposal crises due to worsening climate conditions and to ensure safe disposal of slurry. — Martin Kenny. [7158/18]

60. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to monitor the potential market growth for Irish food and food products globally; the markets or products that have shown the greatest potential; the extent to which he expects to maximise the impact on these markets in the future having particular regard to current geopolitical developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7152/18]

61. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contact he has had with Coillte in relation to the current non-payment of forestry financial instalments due to contracted farmers; his plans to carry out an audit to ensure all lessors are being paid with correct contract terms in place; his further plans to meet Ireland's target of planting 7,100 hectares of forestry a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [7141/18]

62. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the problems being created for farmers in the west by the new regulations preventing acceptance of wet and dirty sheep in processing plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [7159/18]

63. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to offset the impact of Brexit on farmers in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6855/18]

64. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he plans to mitigate the guaranteed negative impact for milk producers in view of the fact that the floor price for skim milk powder has been removed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7015/18]

65. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the programme for government commitment to increase ANC funding by €25 million in 2018; and if increased payments will reflect the constraint of land type. — Charlie McConalogue. [7150/18]

66. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of delayed GLAS payments for 2017 to persons in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [6668/18]

67. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he will publish the legislative changes recommended by the review of aquaculture licencing processes; the timeframe for completion of the legislative changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7136/18]

68. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons awaiting GLAS payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6909/18]

69. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which live exports performed in 2017; the efforts being made to promote live exports in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [7137/18]

70. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the recent acquisition of Portmarnock racecourse by NAMA and its imminent auction; if special consideration can be given to an organisation (details supplied) which has community based organisational status; if the social and sectorial benefits that would result from the sale of this infrastructure to the organisation will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7132/18]

71. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties being faced by horse trainers and stable staff in the horse racing industry in relation to changes to their agricultural status; the interaction his department has had with the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation in relation to the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [7156/18]

72. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts he is making to seek new markets for agri food produce produced here in the context of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [6912/18]

73. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has satisfied himself that the current €850 million per annum level of food and food industry related imports is sustainable; if his department has explored the possibility of more sustainable alternatives to reduce dependence, for example, the potential for increased fruit and vegetable production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [7146/18]

74. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his department introduced overly onerous conditions under the clean livestock policy for sheep in meat plants in the middle of winter; his plans to ensure that Teagasc can provide workable solutions in order that havoc can be avoided in factories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [7139/18]

75. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications received for the fodder aid transport subsidy scheme; the reason he chose a transport subsidy option instead of a meal voucher scheme; if he will reconsider the decision and introduce a meal voucher scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7147/18]

76. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the status quo in terms of fisheries, that is, access, percentage share of stocks and the trade aspects will fully apply during the transition arrangement in view of the guidelines published by the EU member states in the week of 29 January 2018 regarding the transition arrangements between the European Union and the United Kingdom; if fisheries and the wider trade are directly linked to phase 2 of the talks; if the linkage for the talks will be guaranteed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [6758/18]

77. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason pressure has not been brought to bear on the EU Agriculture Commissioner to financially support the land owners of hen harrier designated land (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7014/18]

78. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the outcome of recent discussions at the EU Council of Agriculture Ministers in relation to CAP reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7112/18]

79. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which live exports performed in each of the years 2015 to 2017; the efforts his department is making to promote further expansion of the live export trade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [6914/18]

80. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the code of conduct in relation to fox hunting; the sanctions if there are breaches; if legislation will be introduced in view of the incident in Macroom on 26 December 2017 when a hunt entered a housing estate raising issues around public safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [6792/18]

81. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties being faced by the horse racing industry in view of the recent reclassification of

the sector and the onerous and impractical workplace requirements which have ensued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [6671/18]

82. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to problems with issued knowledge transfer payments particularly for partnership farms; the steps he will take to rectify the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7138/18]

83. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the possible development of hemp cultivation as a significant agricultural activity should be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7007/18]

84. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he is taking to curb the illegal sale and export of Irish dogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [6666/18]

85. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the reliability of labelling and traceability structures throughout the food industry with particular reference to imports from third countries; the average number of checks or tests carried out in the past year; the way in which this compares with previous years; the number of cases detected which indicate a failure to meet the required standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7153/18]

86. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the discussions held with the other member states that along with Ireland are deeply concerned regarding the impact of the Mercosur proposals to permit increased access to the EU prime beef market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [7142/18]

87. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of trees planted by those in the agriculture sector since 2011; the percentage of native species planted; the percentage of commercial non native species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [7145/18]

88. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to combat the level of negligence and breaching of animal welfare standards within the industry of puppy farming that has been well documented by organisations and persons in view of his statement on 3 October 2017 in which he stated that puppy farming is a stain on the public relationship with animals; and if the industry has been referred to the Revenue Commissioners. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [6793/18]

89. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to combat breaches of welfare regulations and animal welfare standards in the puppy farming industry here; and if this industry is revenue compliant. — Clare Daly. [6854/18]

90. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to create a viable biogas industry here that would utilise farm and animal waste as the main source of raw material for its production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [7018/18]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*91. To ask the Taoiseach the number of meetings the strategic communications unit has had in relation to planning for the forthcoming national development plan; and the persons the meetings were held with. — Micheál Martin. [6687/18]

*92. To ask the Taoiseach the number of tenders the strategic communications unit is processing. — Micheál Martin. [6688/18]

*93. To ask the Taoiseach the staffing make up of the strategic communications unit within his department at 31 January 2018; the amount spent on the unit since June 2017; and the details of all moneys spent to date. — Dara Calleary. [6739/18]

*94. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent by his department on photography by photographer and or agency, public relations or communications advice external to the media officers of his department, by agency; and the use of public relations or communications advice by an agency fully funded by his department by agency and month, in tabular form since 1 January 2016. — Dara Calleary. [6755/18]

Chun an Taoiseach agus Aire Cosanta: To the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence.

*95. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the amount spent on naval surveillance to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in each of the years 2008 to 2017. — Martin Kenny. [6994/18]

*96. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of persons by county that were in receipt of the widows of deceased War of Independence veterans' pension at the end of 2017 or for the date the most recent information is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7345/18]

*97. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the amount spent by his department on photography by photographer and or agency, public relations or communications advice external to the media officers of his department, by agency; the use of public relations or communications advice by an agency fully funded by his department by agency and month, in tabular form since 1 January 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6745/18]

*98. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the reason former Army servicemen have not received an increase in their Army service pension in the past nine years; his plans to increase their Army service pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [6848/18]

*99. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the cost of the Naval Service missions in the Mediterranean Sea each year to date; the number of Defence Forces personnel deployed on the missions per annum; the annual cost of the missions; if the use of Naval Service vessels in Operation Sophia has reduced the availability of the vessels for search and rescue missions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [6930/18]

*100. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the actions he plans to take on foot of the whistleblower's response to the O'Toole report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [6931/18]

*101. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on research carried out by former airmen in relation to 56 deaths with the average age of 48 as outlined in a protected disclosure; the action taken by his department on foot of the protected disclosure; his plans to commission an investigation into these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [6932/18]

*102. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if all the recommendations of the 2016 health and safety inspection report at Baldonnell have been implemented; the timeframe for the completion of outstanding recommendations; if a further inspection is scheduled by the Health and Safety Authority to examine compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [6933/18]

*103. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to parliamentary question numbers 288 of 25 October 2017 and 568 of 12 December 2017, the status of the Reserve Defence Forces lieutenant to captain fixed promotion scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [7388/18]

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

*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has discussed the new customs partnership type deal with his British or other EU counterparts. — Micheál Martin. [6819/18]

*105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he or his officials have spoken to Mr Michel Barnier regarding a new customs partnership proposal for the UK. — Micheál Martin. [6820/18]

*106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when he and his department officials saw the draft text for the transition section of the Brexit withdrawal agreement that was circulated on 6 February 2018. — Micheál Martin. [6902/18]

*107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has spoken with his British counterparts regarding concerns he or his department officials may have in relation to Mr Michel Barnier's comments on 5 February 2018 when he said in London to Prime Minister May that trade barriers will be unavoidable if the UK continues to chose to leave the customs union; and if they discussed a customs partnership. — Micheál Martin. [6903/18]

*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount spent by his department on photography by photographer and or agency, public relations or communications advice external to the media officers of his department, by agency; the use of public relations or communications advice by an agency fully funded by his department by agency and month, in tabular form since 1 January 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6749/18]

*109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will request the Passport Office to organise a national television and radio advertisement campaign to inform

members of the public to ensure their passport is still valid prior to booking holidays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [6777/18]

*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the areas of north south co-operation that fall outside the rules of the single market and the customs union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [6833/18]

*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is growing concern for the health and well being of a number of political prisoners in Bahrain (details supplied); and if he will raise the issues with his Bahraini counterpart. — Seán Crowe. [6949/18]

*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the hostile approach adopted by the Argentine state towards the Mapuche indigenous people in Argentina; his plans to address matters in this regard (details supplied) with his Argentine counterpart; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [7368/18]

*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has further information in relation to the inquiry sought on the Dublin Monaghan bombings. — Micheál Martin. [6907/18]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*114. To ask the Minister for Finance the independent economic evidence and analysis that concludes that Ireland's income tax regime and rates is prohibitive in terms of job creation or attracting foreign direct investment. — Dara Calleary. [6651/18]

*115. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a person (details supplied) was refused assistance from the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme. — Pat Deering. [6721/18]

*116. To ask the Minister for Finance the discussions he has had recently regarding the proposed changes from other EU states on tax harmonisation. — Micheál Martin. [6818/18]

*117. To ask the Minister for Finance if an anomaly whereby insurance companies are refusing to offer flood insurance for houses not located in known flood zones and with no history of flooding will be examined (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [6849/18]

*118. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of allowing the €5,000 tax credit incentive under the farm partnership scheme to be allowable against non farm income (details supplied). — Martin Kenny. [6992/18]

*119. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of increasing the age limit from 35 to 40 years of age to qualify for the stamp duty exemption on the transfer of farm land. — Martin Kenny. [7193/18]

*120. To ask the Minister for Finance if he, his officials or advisors have had meetings with the strategic communications unit since it was set up; the issues that were discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [6690/18]

*121. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Act 2017 allows the Financial Services Ombudsman to investigate a complaint regarding conduct that

took place post 2002 even if the product itself was sold before 2002 assuming all other conditions are met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6692/18]

*122. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount spent by his department on photography by photographer and or agency, public relations or communications advice external to the media officers of his department, by agency; the use of public relations or communications advice by an agency fully funded by his department by agency and month, in tabular form since 1 January 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6748/18]

*123. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the stamp duty being charged in relation to a matter (details supplied). — Martin Kenny. [6789/18]

*124. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses whose place of business is registered outside of Ireland that are registered for VAT here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [6830/18]

*125. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of the tax relief on private rented accommodation in each of the years 2000 to 2017, in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [6867/18]

*126. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that benefitted from the tax relief on private rented accommodation in each of the years 2000 to 2017, in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [6868/18]

*127. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the problems faced by returned emigrants from non-EU countries in obtaining motor insurance; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that these persons pay high motor insurance premiums; if this matter can be addressed in the context of the implementation of the cost of insurance working group report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [6873/18]

*128. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether an adequate service is being provided at the Revenue Commissioners' office in Athlone (details supplied) in view of the difficulties experienced by persons that have limited or no online experience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [6874/18]

*129. To ask the Minister for Finance if an exemption of custom taxes in respect of the importation of alcohol and herbs (details supplied) for the alternative treatment of Lyme disease will be allowed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [6878/18]

*130. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and value outstanding of private dwelling home mortgages that have tracker, variable and fixed interest rates; the number and value outstanding of buy to let mortgages that have tracker, variable and fixed interest rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6967/18]

*131. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated impact of a 1% increase in ECB interest rates on interest owed on tracker mortgages here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6968/18]

*132. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to reform the local property tax; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the system is unfair to persons living in the greater Dublin area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [6989/18]

*133. To ask the Minister for Finance when the cost of insurance working group fourth progress update Q4 2017 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6990/18]

*134. To ask the Minister for Finance the VAT received by the Revenue Commissioners in respect of electronic services provided to unregistered customers resident in other EU states (details supplied) in each of the months between January 2017 and January 2018 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [7036/18]

*135. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has revised the expected gain to the exchequer in 2018 arising out of the right to retain a proportion of the VAT paid on certain services provided to unregistered customers in other member states which has been assumed in his department's estimates of tax yield for 2018 in view of the recent statement by a person (details supplied) expecting growth of around 90% in cloud services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [7037/18]

*136. To ask the Minister for Finance if an analysis of home mortgages in which currently only the interest is being paid will be provided by the age of the mortgage holders in five year age groups, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [7038/18]

*137. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of tax credits against corporation tax approved in respect of research and development for each year from 2013; the estimated figure for 2017; the number of these credits which were issued by way of a reduction in the corporation tax payable by the companies involved or by way of a direct payment to the companies for bands (details supplied) in respect of tax credit approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7059/18]

*138. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of reducing stamp duty on combined ATM debit cards to 10c per ATM withdrawal up to a maximum of €4.50 per annum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [7101/18]

*139. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff at the National Treasury Management Agency, excluding the National Asset Management Agency, that received pay in 2017 including retention payments and other benefits in bands (details supplied); the number employed by the National Treasury Management Agency at the end of 2016 and at the end of 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7108/18]

*140. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff at the National Asset Management Agency that received pay in 2017 in bands (details supplied); the number employed by the Agency at the end of 2016 and at the end of 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7109/18]

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance if VAT is applicable to the provision of locum general practitioner services by organisations such as Shannondoc; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7118/18]

*142. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax relief that can be claimed by the parents of a person (details supplied) who has been awarded a licence from the Department of Health to import medicinal cannabis, in view of the fact it is not covered by the person's medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7178/18]

*143. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [7278/18]

*144. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of all bilateral loans the State has with the UK exchequer; the amounts that are outstanding to be repaid; the interest due; the duration of the loan terms; if he has made amendments or changes to the loan schedules in the context of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7310/18]

*145. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) raised in correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [7324/18]

*146. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to pensions and pension funds, part of which predate the foundation of the State; if such pensions could be willed or bequeathed to a successor; and if such pensions could still retain a monetary value which could be claimed. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7329/18]

*147. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to €400 million in old pension funds unclaimed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7330/18]

*148. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Pensions Ombudsman or other offices of the State offer assistance to persons in finding lost pension funds belonging to successors. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7331/18]

*149. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures being taken to assist families such as a person (details supplied) that are stuck in properties in negative equity; the schemes available for them to avail of; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7395/18]

*150. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of VAT and duties collected from goods coming from outside the EU in 2017; if an assessment is carried out with regard to the collection of such duties from online sales; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [5961/18]

*151. To ask the Minister for Finance the State exposure to the Schuldschein bond market; if the Central Bank is gathering data in relation to credit levels here linked to this specific market; the amount of credit held in Schuldschein bonds; the amount of credit that was held in each of the past five years; the amount of credit that is held by State supported banks; the amount of credit held by the construction sector; his views on this type of bond product; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7433/18]

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

*152. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress of works at Ardara bridge, Cadamstown, County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [6950/18]

*153. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost of reopening the six Garda stations recommended for same by Garda management; and the estimated full year cost of running same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7056/18]

*154. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the top one hundred premises that the State is renting or leasing in 2016 and 2017; the amount of rent paid for each premises per annum; the landlord of these premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [6730/18]

*155. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the public contracts that have been awarded to a company (details supplied) in each year since March 2011, in tabular form; the cost per contract; and the basis for each contract. — Mick Wallace. [6790/18]

*156. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress that has been made at resolving the disagreement concerning the pension claim by community employment scheme supervisors and assistant supervisors; the status of the work being carried out by the high level forum in respect of this pension claim; the recent engagement he has had with the various stakeholders involved from the community sector with a view to resolving this disagreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6862/18]

*157. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount of the €155 billion quoted in the media for the National Development Plan that will be direct government expenditure; the amount that will be from the State enterprise sector; the amount that will be from PPPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [7020/18]

*158. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has been consulted by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport in relation to the pension issues facing CIÉ; if a request for further funding from the exchequer has been made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [7021/18]

*159. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of civil and public servants earning less than the hourly living wage of €11.70 per hour by department and agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [7028/18]

*160. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to make it a condition of public tenders and State contracts that suppliers must pay a minimum living wage of €11.70 per hour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [7029/18]

*161. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number and list of flood alleviation and protection schemes funded in each year from 2015 to 2017 and to date in 2018; the amount committed to each project; the projects for which funding has been requested but not yet awarded or allocated; his plans in place to fund such projects within the remainder of the capital plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [7030/18]

*162. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount of additional capital allocated to each department and agency as a result of budget 2018 for 2018, 2019 and 2020 of the current plan; the specific projects this funding was planned for in each case, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [7031/18]

*163. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding will be granted for the elimination of the flooding risk at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [7192/18]

*164. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason persons (details supplied) were turned down for the VHR scheme. — Eugene Murphy. [7220/18]

*165. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of homeowners in County Roscommon that have applied for the VHR scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [7221/18]

*166. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of homeowners that have applied for the VHR scheme by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [7222/18]

*167. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of homeowners that were successful in gaining access to the VHR scheme since the scheme was first introduced by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [7223/18]

*168. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on proposals (details supplied). — Anne Rabbitte. [7380/18]

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

*169. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his understanding of the financial relationship between DCU and a university (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [6811/18]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeframe to end pay inequality for teachers; when a decision will issue in relation to the pay review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [6676/18]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount his department has spent on temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied) in each of the years 2000 to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [6701/18]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the review of the programme for capital expenditure in 2018 and 2019 in the context of schools building projects; the timeframe for the progression of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6724/18]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person (details supplied) did not receive a SUSI grant. — Anne Rabbitte. [6729/18]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount spent by his department on photography by photographer and or agency, public relations or communications advice external to the media officers of his department, by agency; the use of public relations or communications advice by an agency fully funded by his department by agency and month, in tabular form since 1 January 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6746/18]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a reply will issue to a query from a person (details supplied) regarding an application. — Fergus O’Dowd. [6761/18]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which he is examining the issue of mobility for experienced teachers and new entrants in the teaching profession; the way in which he plans to improve career mobility for new and existing teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [6762/18]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the implementation of a bursary initiative to attract graduates into initial teacher education in key subject areas such as STEM and languages will be considered. — Sean Sherlock. [6763/18]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has received complaints from a person (details supplied) regarding the way in which protected disclosure legislation is being enacted and the way in which there are gaps in the Protected Disclosures Act 2014; if he has investigated the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [6780/18]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the assessment of a school (details supplied) will be carried out to determine if the prefabs will be replaced in line with the school's recent application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [6784/18]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the school project brief has been completed in respect of a school (details supplied) in County Galway; if so, the progress made to date on the project since completion of the project brief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [6794/18]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his understanding of the financial relationship between DCU and a university (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [6800/18]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if payments made by DCU to staff and other workers delivering courses at a university (details supplied) are in keeping with government pay guidelines. — Clare Daly. [6801/18]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether it is appropriate for DCU to publish a job vacancy for an assistant professor in digital marketing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [6802/18]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether it is appropriate for DCU to advertise for an assistant professor in entrepreneurship in view of the fact that the job advertisement stated only female applicants will be considered for this role. — Clare Daly. [6803/18]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether it is appropriate for DCU to advertise for an assistant professor of advanced practice nursing in view of the fact that the job advertisement stated only female applicants can be considered for this role. — Clare Daly. [6804/18]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the summer works scheme will be reopened for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [6813/18]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the level of funding available to part time third level students in academic years (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [6870/18]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of restoring guidance counsellors to one per 500 pupils ex-quota at post primary schools. — Kathleen Funchion. [6871/18]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for a link corridor for connectivity between various buildings in the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [6875/18]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of schools that have been issued with a letter from his department directing them to cap their enrolment to half stream; the denominational breakdown of these schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [6879/18]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the recommendations of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Education and Skills will be implemented in order to allow those attending private colleges to receive SUSI grants; if so, when students of colleges (details supplied) can expect to receive grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [6939/18]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an assessment has been carried out on the additional information supplied by a school (details supplied); if the application has been considered in full; when a decision is expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [6940/18]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the guidance counsellor to pupil ratio ex-quota; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [6951/18]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details of the new pilot scheme for in-school speech and language therapists; the number of participating schools; the demographic in this regard; the number of therapists employed under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [6970/18]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he has taken to implement the policy advice of the National Council for Special Education regarding children with ASD; if all of the recommendations of the report will be implemented; the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [6971/18]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if musical organisations here are in receipt of funding to provide for instrumental music and learning; if so, the organisations concerned; the amount received in each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [7026/18]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the planning condition by An Bord Pleanála on a school (details supplied) to provide a shuttle bus for students attending the school; the implication of this planning precedent for the future design and location of new school campuses; the measures his department will take to ameliorate the financial burden such planning conditions on new schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [7032/18]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of national schools likely to close in each county in each of the years 2018 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [7034/18]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the second level schools in the Dublin area that it is anticipated on the basis of CSO census data will experience a decline in enrolments in excess of 50% over the next ten years, in tabular form; his plans to tackle the challenges posed to the

existing provision of second level education by changing population dynamics in more established communities in the greater Dublin area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [7035/18]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school place for a person (details supplied) will be available for them in Ashbourne, County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [7043/18]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which the tender process for the €200 million PPP investment in infrastructure in the higher education sector will be structured (details supplied); if there will be a separate tender for each of the 11 institutions which are to receive investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7044/18]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of primary schools that do not have broadband due to lack of such services in their area; the number of primary schools that have 5MB or less; the reason primary school principals are left with no internet or internet breaking down as a consequence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [7051/18]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of primary schools in counties Roscommon and Galway that do not have broadband due to lack of such services in their areas; the primary schools in counties Roscommon and Galway that have 5MB or less; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [7052/18]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason his department refuses to fund the cost of alternative broadband suppliers to primary schools in areas in which the preferred supplier cannot provide proper broadband or the coverage is better from an alternative supplier; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [7053/18]

*205. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cathain a chuirfear leathanbhanda snáthoptaice ar fáil do scoil (sonraí tugtha); agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Thomas Byrne. [7065/18]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason his department gave a letter to a company (details supplied) in connection with a planning application to An Bord Pleanála for a strategic housing development stating that the proposed development will not affect future projections by his department in respect of the availability of school places; the figures available to his department concerning population increase in this locality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [7068/18]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the proposed extension to a school (details supplied). — John Deasy. [7078/18]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason his department is retrospectively seeking to impose a growth restriction on recently opened Educate Together schools in Tramore, New Ross, Castlebar, Trim and Tuam against the lawful preference of a significant number of families in these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7096/18]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason his department is instructing Educate Together schools to turn away large numbers of families in Tramore, New Ross, Castlebar,

Trim and Tuam (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7097/18]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason his department is restricting the long term viability of developing schools in Tramore, New Ross, Castlebar, Trim and Tuam when his department's 2012/2013 forum of patronage and pluralism report recommended that accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered for each area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7098/18]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for improvement works at a school (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the condition of the school gym building; if he will review the previous applications for improvement works at the school and prioritise an improvement plan for the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [7102/18]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to outstanding works yet to be completed at a school (details supplied); and the position with regard to these outstanding building defects. — Thomas Byrne. [7160/18]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a cap has been placed on enrolment to a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [7177/18]

*214. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna an bhfuair sé comhfhreagras a sheol tuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí chuige, ina gcuirtear in iúl an díomá agus an mhíshástacht atá orthu faoin easpa dul chun cinn atá á dhéanamh chun dul i ngleic le fadhbanna taise agus múscaín atá le sonrú i scoil i gContae Dhún na nGall (sonraí curtha ar fáil). — Pearse Doherty. [7190/18]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the application for funding by a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [7196/18]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a tender (details supplied) will be tendered via the traditional funding route in an effort to support companies on the border in view of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7205/18]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied) who has been expelled from school and who has not attended a school since November 2017. — Thomas Byrne. [7216/18]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on an issue raised in relation to HGV driver apprenticeship (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7275/18]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will facilitate and partake in a meeting between Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas from County Donegal with a view to discussing a school building project (details supplied); if so, when such a meeting will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7292/18]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding an application in respect of a school (details supplied) for the provision of an assembly hall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [7299/18]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when his department anticipates receiving the results of the pay review into two tier pay of teachers; the timeframe he envisages to end pay inequality; his views on whether two tier pay is a breach of the principle of equal pay for equal work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7301/18]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to improve the manner in which the Irish language is being taught at primary school level (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7364/18]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to liaise with the Minister for Health and the national steering group on out of hospital cardiac arrest in order to make public access to defibrillators more easily accessible in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7365/18]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the severe accommodation difficulties and lack of special education facilities being provided in a school (details supplied); if these issues are being addressed; if capital moneys will be allocated; when the school can expect significant investments to address its difficulties and long waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [7375/18]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the progress on a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [7376/18]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he will take to ensure that funding is put in place to enable each primary and secondary school throughout the State acquire a defibrillator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [7411/18]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if work on a school (details supplied) which was identified as a location for a new build in 2015 will commence in 2018 as listed; the timeframe for commencement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [7435/18]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention was drawn to the credit position of a company (details supplied) in tendering for the school construction programme; if his attention was further drawn to the credit held by the company in Schuldschein bonds; the processes that were put in place to determine the credit worthiness of the company before the contract was finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7437/18]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a new school building for a school (details supplied); if a suitable green field site has been identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [7440/18]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the circumstances of a person (details supplied); when the person can expect to receive their entitlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [7485/18]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress that has been made in identifying a site for the proposed new post primary school under the patronage of an organisation (details supplied) that is due to open in September 2018 in County Limerick; his plans for a temporary premises until the new school is built; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [7488/18]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of new apprenticeship registrations in each employment sector and sub sector on an annual basis in each of the years 2014 to 2017 for craft based apprenticeships, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7497/18]

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

*233. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the annual budget of the Insolvency Service of Ireland since its foundation in 2012. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [7088/18]

*234. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of insolvency solutions the Insolvency Service of Ireland has overseen (details supplied) since its inception, in tabular form. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [7089/18]

*235. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on whether the exchequer is getting value for the cost of the Insolvency Service of Ireland and the number of solutions delivered. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [7090/18]

*236. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on whether the personal insolvency regime is fit for purpose; and if so, the method he is using to calculate this. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [7091/18]

*237. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if universities and institutes of technology come under the requirements that require staff to be garda vetted as per requirements of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012; if such requirements are required in circumstances in which staff are close to retiring; the penalties enacted on those persons that do not register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [7174/18]

*238. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the EROC centre, Ballaghaderreen, County Roscommon; the number of refugees facilitated to date in the centre; the number expected to be facilitated in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6702/18]

*239. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of jobs that have been created in the EROC centre, Ballaghaderreen, County Roscommon to date; the number projected for 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6703/18]

*240. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the contracts that have been awarded in relation to services (details supplied) that are provided to ensure the running of the EROC centre, Ballaghaderreen, County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6704/18]

*241. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the remuneration and expenses that will be payable to the members of the change implementation group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [6705/18]

*242. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to date and pending in regard to residency in the case of a person (details supplied); if their case will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6709/18]

*243. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which he plans to address the employment reservation throughout the ratification process of UNCRPD; the protections he plans

to put in place regarding employment for persons with disabilities until legislation is finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [6710/18]

*244. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when an extension to a stamp 4 will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6713/18]

*245. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 153 of 1 February 2018, if a decision has been made as to the timeframe for the establishment of the review committee provided for under section 62 of the Legal Services Regulation Act 2015; and if so, the timeframe in this regard. — Clare Daly. [6715/18]

*246. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount spent by his department on photography by photographer and or agency, public relations or communications advice external to the media officers of his department, by agency; the use of public relations or communications advice by an agency fully funded by his department by agency and month, in tabular form since 1 January 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6752/18]

*247. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if there are limitations or restrictions as to the location in which a business with a specific purpose can be located within a town centre (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [6764/18]

*248. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the opening hours of Garda stations (details supplied) in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [6766/18]

*249. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the unit the five gardaí assigned to Collon Garda station, County Louth are assigned to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [6767/18]

*250. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the unit the five gardaí assigned to Castlebellingham Garda station, County Louth are assigned to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [6768/18]

*251. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the unit the five gardaí assigned to Clougherhead Garda station, County Louth are assigned to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [6769/18]

*252. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of fixed penalty notices that have been issued for illegal parking at a location (details supplied) in each of the years 2015 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [6775/18]

*253. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the detail of the calculation of the annual pension for a person (details supplied). — Michael McGrath. [6782/18]

*254. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of a naturalisation application by a person (details supplied) in County Kildare. — Sean Sherlock. [6821/18]

*255. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the process for applying for an extension to a CCTV scheme; the funding available for a community seeking the installation of a camera

to counter anti social behaviour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6822/18]

*256. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason for the refusal to reappoint a person (details supplied) to the IHREC board despite meeting all requirements as set out in the criteria. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6925/18]

*257. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason for the emphasis and prioritisation of corporate governance and managerial expertise over experience in the field of human rights and equality when appointing to the board of IHREC. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6926/18]

*258. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the selection process as a result of prioritising corporate governance; his further views on whether the strongest advocates from a human rights perspective have been excluded as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6927/18]

*259. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application for an employment record in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [6928/18]

*260. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6941/18]

*261. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of companies which are dealt with under section 110 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 which were under investigation for money laundering or breaching sanctions in each of the years 2015 to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [7033/18]

*262. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the effect of an allowance on payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [7039/18]

*263. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated cost of establishing a criminal justice inspectorate; and the estimated full year running cost thereafter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7045/18]

*264. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated cost of establishing a sentencing council; and the estimated full year running cost thereafter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7046/18]

*265. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated cost of establishing a dedicated a family court system; and the estimated full year running cost thereafter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7047/18]

*266. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the full year running cost of Garda youth diversion projects and other youth justice services funded by his department. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7048/18]

*267. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 541 of 16 January 2018, the Garda stations in counties Roscommon and Galway that do not have access

to the PULSE system due to a lack of broadband in their area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [7049/18]

*268. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to increase the number of gardaí attached to the community policing unit at Coolock Garda station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7079/18]

*269. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to increase the number of gardaí and vehicles attached to the Garda armed support unit in the Dublin metropolitan region following the increase in serious and organised crime over the past few months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7080/18]

*270. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to strengthen the law in relation to the membership and direction of criminal gangs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7081/18]

*271. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí within the Carlow Kilkenny Garda division for the years ending 31 December 2015, 2016 and 2017 respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [7099/18]

*272. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of vehicles within the Garda fleet for the Carlow Kilkenny Garda division registered 10 years ago and over as of 31 December 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [7100/18]

*273. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the timeline for completion and publication of the review into the misclassification of homicides. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7119/18]

*274. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the last occasion, prior to meeting An Garda Síochána on 7 February 2018 on which he was updated by An Garda Síochána in relation to the review into misclassification of homicide; and the previous meeting prior to 7 February 2018 at which it was discussed. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7121/18]

*275. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of SPSV licences that were revoked in each of the years 2015, 2016 and 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7172/18]

*276. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person that received a first instance decision from ORAC under the Refugee Act 1996 but has since been brought under the single procedure to be re-interviewed and has yet to receive a first instance decision under the International Protection Act 2015 is eligible to apply to the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation for an employment permit and or the administrative scheme to provide international protection applicants with permission to be self employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7181/18]

*277. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application is likely to be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7195/18]

*278. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí currently assigned to each divisional drug unit. — Jack Chambers. [7200/18]

*279. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of community gardaí assigned to each county in each of the years 2015 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7204/18]

*280. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí currently assigned to each station in the Togher Garda district in County Cork. — Michael McGrath. [7213/18]

*281. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if posthumous pardons for those that were convicted of offences that related to protests for the right of women to vote will be advanced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [7300/18]

*282. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question numbers 548 and 550 of 7 November 2017, when the information sought will be supplied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7320/18]

*283. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if An Garda Síochána has given him a formal assurance that all unlawful killings are properly investigated; the precise wording of this assurance; if he has satisfied himself with this assurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7346/18]

*284. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the inequality of car rental companies seeking a doctor's note when leasing a car to a person over 75 years of age (details supplied); his views on whether this practice is age discrimination on behalf of the companies involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [7378/18]

*285. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if salary negotiations will be allowed in the current grade III forensic scientist recruitment campaign. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7421/18]

*286. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on whether the lack of success of previous recruitment competitions for grade III forensic scientists was affected or informed by the inability to negotiate salary for new entrants. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7422/18]

*287. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on whether he should seek an exemption from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to the rule that starting pay be above the minimum for the competition for recruitment within Forensic Science Ireland; and if he has discussed this with the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7423/18]

*288. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on whether, in the context of ensuring proper staffing levels in Forensic Science Ireland and in view of the competition for recruitment within this field, applicants in recent years should be placed on a point on the grade III salary scale which reflects previous salaries, qualifications and experience. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7424/18]

*289. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the staff numbers in Forensic Science Ireland for each of the past eight years. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7425/18]

*290. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has satisfied himself with the staff numbers in Forensic Science Ireland in view of the increased workload it faces, including the implementation of the national DNA database in the past two years and the implementation of

the PRUM treaty obligations; and his plans to increase numbers. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7426/18]

*291. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the quantity and estimated street value of an illegal drug (details supplied) seized for each year since 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7427/18]

*292. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the review of the Kerry Garda youth diversion programme (GYDP) pilot will be completed; and the reasons the decisions being made regarding a move towards tendering are being implemented for other GYDPs in view of the fact the report on the pilot is not yet completed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7428/18]

*293. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason it has been decided to move towards a tendering model for Garda youth diversionary programmes (GYDPs); and the assessments that have been made on the impact this will have on independent GYDPs, their staff and the communities they serve. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7429/18]

*294. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the scoping exercise to produce a SAVI II report; and when the process will be completed. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7431/18]

*295. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the reported 10% increase in Garda traffic corps numbers will be based on current figures or on the size of the corps from January 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7445/18]

*296. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on a newspaper report (details supplied) of 7 February 2018 relating to a Garda report containing information outstanding from a number of parliamentary questions, including the number of drivers detected with between 50mgs and 80mgs of blood alcohol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7446/18]

*297. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 218 of 7 November 2017, when the information requested will be supplied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7487/18]

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

*298. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the Cabinet has requested advice from the Chief Scientific Advisor since her appointment as Minister. — Sean Sherlock. [6999/18]

*299. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the national health innovation hub is still in operation. — Sean Sherlock. [6707/18]

*300. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of an IDA property (details supplied); the plans of the IDA to invest in the property; the amount that was spent on purchasing the property; the amount that has been invested in it in each of the years since it was purchased, in tabular form; the number of client or potential clients that have visited the property since it was purchased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6737/18]

*301. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the sequence of events surrounding the surrendering of a lease (details supplied); the costs of surrendering the lease; the details of all costs inclusive of costs paid to the landlord and the legal costs; the efforts made to reduce the penalties involved; the efforts made to commercially dispose of the lease to another party; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6738/18]

*302. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the amount spent by her department on photography by photographer and or agency, public relations or communications advice external to the media officers of her department, by agency; the use of public relations or communications advice by an agency fully funded by her department by agency and month, in tabular form since 1 January 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6741/18]

*303. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the State boards under the remit of her department; the number of persons on each of those boards; the number of those persons that are male and female, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6946/18]

*304. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA visits of prospective clients to each county in each of the years 2013 to 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7060/18]

*305. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA supported jobs by county at the end of each year from 2013 to 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7061/18]

*306. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the investment provided by the IDA by county to its client companies for each year from 2013 to 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7062/18]

*307. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of jobs supported by Enterprise Ireland by county for the end of each year from the end of 2013 to 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7063/18]

*308. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the investment by Enterprise Ireland in client companies by county for each year from the end of 2013 to 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7064/18]

*309. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if stable staff in horse trainers' yards can be classified as agricultural workers in the future in view of the importance of the horse racing sector to the rural economy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [7173/18]

*310. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the reason car rental companies seek a doctor's note when leasing a car to a person over 75 years of age (details supplied); his views on whether this practice is age discrimination on behalf of the companies involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [7377/18]

*311. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on correspondence (details supplied) and proposals for start up funding for the organisation in question. — Anne Rabbitte. [7379/18]

*312. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the sites in Galway city and county that are owned by the IDA with available and unused space; the amount of space available on each of these sites; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [7430/18]

*313. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation further to parliamentary question number 159 of 7 February 2018, if the job listed on a person's (details supplied) work permit application is listed in the ineligible category; if not, if this permit will be reconsidered due to the deadline in relation to the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7489/18]

*314. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the national and regional job targets under the programme for government and enterprise 2025 in each of the years 2016 to 2020; the latest quarterly national household survey data; the most recent figures for these targets in each region; the job targets up to 2020 on an annual basis, by region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7495/18]

*315. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the review of the work permits regime; and the criteria that apply. — Niall Collins. [7496/18]

*316. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA supported jobs here; the number of jobs created and lost respectively in 2017, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7498/18]

*317. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the ratification procedure at EU and member state level for ratification of potential European trade agreements with the Mercosur trading block relating to market access and quotas; the elements that fall under exclusive EU level competence; and the areas that require national level approval. — Charlie McConalogue. [7499/18]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*318. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the policy of reversing the cuts imposed on HSE employed pharmacists and that does not include self employed pharmacists which it is perceived further discriminates against self employed pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [6966/18]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health if the medicine loperamide hydrochloride has been removed from the medical card; and the basis on which it has been removed (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [6673/18]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health when Crohn's disease will be included on the long term illness scheme. — Joan Collins. [6674/18]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the funding is available for organisations (details supplied). — Colm Brophy. [6675/18]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria which must be satisfied in line with the recommendations of the health technology assessment group in order to be reimbursed for children and young persons with diabetes that use the freestyle libre blood glucose management system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [6678/18]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe to build the application suite for reimbursement support; the projected costs associated with setting up the application suite in respect of children and young persons that use the freestyle libre blood glucose management system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [6679/18]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the extra workload that will be incurred by the endocrinologist or hospital clinic team that will initiate the proposal of suitable persons for consideration for individual reimbursement support in relation to the freestyle libre blood glucose management system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [6680/18]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health if he has satisfied himself that prescribed medication addiction is receiving adequate attention; the monitoring mechanisms in place to assess same; the extent of the problem here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [6693/18]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the British government seeking a review of addiction to prescription medication for the treatment of depression and anxiety issues in the UK; his plans to announce same here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [6694/18]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health his views on media reports on the 1,086% increase use of pregabalin known as lyrica amongst medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [6695/18]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health his views on reports on the 159% increase use of oxycontin amongst medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [6696/18]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that as of 1 January 2018 there is now no sexual health service within an hour's commute of Athlone; and his plans to rectify this matter. — Robert Troy. [6700/18]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health the projects to which funding has been allocated under the HSE capital plan for 2018 by CHO area, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6714/18]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health the dental services provided free of charge to primary and secondary school children in counties Laois and Offaly; the level of cover provided by the Health Service Executive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [6718/18]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health when speech therapy will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [6719/18]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health when the new transport support scheme will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [6720/18]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for an appointment for a procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [6722/18]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for dental treatment in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6723/18]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6725/18]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the status of orthodontic treatment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6726/18]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [6727/18]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health when the fair deal fees for individual HSE nursing homes will be published or laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas (details supplied); and his views on the importance of providing transparency with regard to fees payable for public nursing home care. — Billy Kelleher. [6732/18]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for cataract assessment in Cork university hospital; the number of persons from County Kerry waiting for cataract assessment; the number of persons waiting for cataract operation in south infirmary; the number from County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6736/18]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by his department on photography by photographer and or agency, public relations or communications advice external to the media officers of his department, by agency; the use of public relations or communications advice by an agency fully funded by his department by agency and month, in tabular form since 1 January 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6750/18]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health if an application by a person (details supplied) in County Wexford will be reassessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6773/18]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full time public health nurses in CHO Area 9 in each of the years 2014 to 2017 and to date in 2018; the number of such vacancies in each of those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [6776/18]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health the status of his plans to add the freestyle libre blood monitoring sensor to the long term illness scheme or reimbursement scheme; the details of the report by the expert group set up under the auspices of the health technology assessment group which considered the freestyle libre application by a company (details supplied) for addition to the reimbursement list in line with the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [6779/18]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health if a bed in the National Rehabilitation Centre can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6783/18]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and when an appointment will be decided. — Barry Cowen. [6817/18]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 416 of 28 November 2017, the length of time the four vacancies have existed; and the measures that have been taken to fill these vacancies. — Gerry Adams. [6826/18]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 416 of 28 November 2017, the status of both teams in question. — Gerry Adams. [6827/18]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health if he will discuss with HSE management the need to ensure regular attendance by a HSE representative at the meetings of a board (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [6832/18]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the reason persons suffering from Huntington's disease are not entitled to a medical card as a right; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [6835/18]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by the HSE on private ambulance services in 2016 and 2017; the individual contractors involved; the value of each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [6840/18]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health the value of drugs under the control of the HSE but the whereabouts of which are unknown, missing or unaccounted for at the end of each of the years 2013 to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6841/18]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that hold medical cards and are on anti-depressant medication by local health area at the end of each of the years 2011 to 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6842/18]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card holders that were prescribed anti-depressant medication by local health area in each of the years 2011 to 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6843/18]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for cataract procedures on national public waiting lists in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; the average waiting time to undergo required cataract procedures; his plans to further reduce the waiting times in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [6846/18]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) can no longer purchase versatis medicated plasters on the medical card; if this decision will be reconsidered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [6847/18]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health the State subsidy provided to the gay men's health service for 2017 and 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6850/18]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding provided by the sexual health and crisis pregnancy programme to the GMHS in 2016 and 2017; his plans to continue this funding in its current form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6851/18]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the funding of the STI clinics at the GUIDE clinic at St. James's hospital, Dublin since 2006, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6852/18]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6859/18]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the level of investment for refurbishment works at a campus (details supplied); and the timeframe for the provision of this funding. — Robert Troy. [6876/18]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health if a date for surgery in the royal Victoria eye and ear hospital for a person (details supplied) in County Westmeath will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [6877/18]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health if an outpatient urology appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [6880/18]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health if the decision to withdraw the versatis patch from the long term illness scheme will be reversed. — John McGuinness. [6881/18]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a youth mental health jigsaw site for County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [6915/18]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether there is a need for a youth mental health jigsaw site in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [6916/18]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review of the clinical services of jigsaw youth mental health services; the expected publication time; the reason for the delay in publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [6917/18]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons on the waiting list for CAMHS services in County Wicklow at the end of December 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [6918/18]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons waiting for a first appointment for CAMHS services in County Wicklow at the end of December 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [6919/18]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health the reason persons that usually collect blister packs from their pharmacy monthly now have to collect the packs weekly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [6920/18]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) for an echocardiography will be expedited. — Peter Burke. [6936/18]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health the number and names of medication that were covered by the medical card but were subsequently not covered by the card in the past ten years; the number of persons with a medical card purchasing these medications with their card; the reason for the removal of medication from the medical card programme; the estimated monetary savings made in each such cases, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [6938/18]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health when it is expected that a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for an angiogram at university hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [6942/18]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health if a date for surgery in the royal eye and ear hospital for a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [6964/18]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a payment was withdrawn from a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [6965/18]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE car park income for 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6975/18]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the amount earned from the car park of Tallaght hospital in 2016 and 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6976/18]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health if the podiatrists positions for CHO7 have been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6977/18]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health the number of podiatrists employed in CHO7 that treat persons with medical cards. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6978/18]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health the number of podiatrists in south County Kildare for a person with a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6979/18]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health if the podiatrists positions for CHO8 have been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6980/18]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health the number of podiatrists employed in CHO8 that treat persons with medical cards. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6981/18]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to include the purchase of epi pens (details supplied) under the long term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6982/18]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE's policy in relation to persons with medical cards over 70 years of age that have been bereaved and the resulting change in circumstances means they no longer qualify for a medical card in their own right; if an allowance regarding income will be made in particular circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6983/18]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the long waiting times faced by transgender persons to access public endocrinology services here; the steps he will take to address these waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6984/18]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is appropriate to require transgender persons to seek a psychiatric diagnosis of gender dysphoria before they can seek endocrinology services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6985/18]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds in use in January 2018 in each hospital; the bed capacity of each hospital if all bed spaces were fully available; the reason all beds in hospitals are not being fully utilised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6986/18]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that have been taken to enable persons that work as a home help to join the HSE pension scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [7004/18]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of twelve dedicated respite houses around the country announced on 12 December 2017; the specific locations of each; the number of persons that can be accommodated in each; the estimated number of respite nights each individual house will provide in a full calendar year; the capital and acquisition costs of each; the estimated annual running costs of each; the number of whole time equivalent staff to be employed in each; if each house is now operational; and if not, when each will commence providing services, in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [7019/18]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment for cataract surgery will be scheduled for a person (details supplied) at university hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [7042/18]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health if additional support can be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7071/18]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide funding to ensure the epidermolysis bullosa outreach nurse is available as a permanent position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7072/18]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health his plans with regard to the appointment of two additional outreach nurses to be based in Crumlin and St James' hospitals to be available for persons living with epidermolysis bullosa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7073/18]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health his plans in place for the 13 patients that will be transferring from paediatrics to adult services in the coming years that have epidermolysis bullosa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7074/18]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health the basis for a decision by his department (details supplied); the reason for delayed decision until 2021 in the context of the decision already taken by his predecessor in January 2016 to downgrade the hospital; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this will lead to an urgent need to invest in the hospital in the interim in order to maintain standards required by HIQA; the reason there is such a delay in deciding on the matter; the interim plans he has for the hospital in the intervening four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [7075/18]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the withdrawal of medical items (details supplied) from the drug payment scheme; if the decision will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7077/18]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for persons to receive counselling in primary care centres in CHO area 9; the number of persons that received counselling in CHO area

9 in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7082/18]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether funding needs to be provided for the recruitment of one additional full time consultant neurologist with a special interest in migraine for Beaumont hospital, Dublin 9; the number of vacancy posts by job title currently in the department; the date each vacancy arose; when each post will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7083/18]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for orthotics shoes in CHO area 9; the average waiting time for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7084/18]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 307 of 5 December 2017, if he has arranged for the HSE to reply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7123/18]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure used by consultants when discharging persons with serious illnesses in circumstances in which a person attends a number of consultants in different fields due to the diversity of their illness (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [7125/18]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health if persons that have been attending consultants for many years for serious ongoing illnesses are being discharged without further consultation or follow up (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [7126/18]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health when the FEMPI cuts imposed on medical general practitioners will be reversed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7128/18]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health the accessibility of drug rehabilitation in west County Cork (details supplied); the breakdown of attendees attending at each unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [7129/18]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health if the criteria for the availability of the versatis patch can be reviewed in view of the number of persons that require same as in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7161/18]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health if there are guidelines or rules for general practitioners in charging for taking blood samples; and if this procedure is covered by the medical card. — Thomas Byrne. [7170/18]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which savings will be passed on to the family of a person (details supplied) who has been awarded a licence from his department to import medicinal cannabis, thereby no longer requiring their previous medication which was provided through their medical card; if the person qualifies for the drug payment scheme in view of the fact medicinal cannabis is not covered by their medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7179/18]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health nurses working in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7184/18]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of mental health nurses eligible for retirement. — James Browne. [7185/18]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of mental health nurses eligible for retirement within the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7186/18]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health nurses recruited in each of the years 2013 to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7187/18]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff required by the HSE to reach the staffing levels as set out in A Vision for Change based on the most recent census; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7188/18]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses and midwives that sought certificates of current professional status in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7189/18]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card can be renewed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7191/18]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment for orthodontic treatment. — Barry Cowen. [7194/18]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health the status of waiting lists for a person (details supplied) and children under 16 years of age in County Cork for specialised wheelchair allocation; his plans to alleviate the waiting period for children at a crucial stage of development; the reason adult patients are on the same waiting list in County Cork; the reason the county is the only area in which adults and children are accessing funding from the same source. — Sean Sherlock. [7197/18]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed within the health service for periods under categories (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [7201/18]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the construction of a helipad at Cork university hospital to facilitate an air ambulance service directly into the hospital grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [7202/18]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health if a dietetic service provision will be examined and allowed for a primary care centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [7207/18]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health the reason when a case is being reviewed or renewed for a person they are required to go through the entire financial assessment again (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7208/18]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether there is sufficient staff employed in Clontarf hospital; the staff per patient ratio in the hospital; his further views on the level of staff turnover in the hospital; the number of staff that have left, been dismissed or taken early retirement

from the hospital each year for the past five years; the way in which this compares with the sector average; the number of staff on sick leave from the hospital; and the percentage of absenteeism in the hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [7209/18]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being made to replace the RGN in a health centre (details supplied); the locations in which this post is being advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [7210/18]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the number of sudden infant deaths (SIDs) for persons with no fixed abode are tracked; if his attention has been drawn to a change in the rates of sudden infant deaths for persons with no fixed abode; the supports available to persons that experience SIDs that have no fixed abode; the supports available for persons with no fixed abode that suffer a postpartum depression; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7211/18]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health the process which has been established regarding pay for section 39 organisations; and if there is a timeframe. — Peter Burke. [7218/18]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used by the pharmacoeconomics unit to withdraw versatis from the GMS; the alternatives available to persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [7235/18]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in the pharmacoeconomics unit; the budget allocated to same for 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [7236/18]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health if there is an update on the negotiations on the provision of respreeza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [7237/18]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the drug strategy report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [7238/18]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the regional drug task forces; the involvement of the HSE on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [7239/18]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health the reason momentum wheelchairs are available at a cost to persons in County Kildare but appear to be available free of charge to those that require them in counties Wexford and Galway; his plans to rectify this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7240/18]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding an application under the nursing homes support scheme by a person (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [7284/18]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on outpatient waiting lists awaiting eye care procedures at the end of 2016 and 2017 respectively; his plans to reduce such waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7290/18]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reduce the reliance on hospital ophthalmology departments through appropriate additional community services delivered by optometrists in view of the need to reduce waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7291/18]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of private ambulance cover incurred by each acute hospital for the past twelve months; the number of such individual private ambulance journeys; the method of charging agreed (details supplied); the name of the companies involved; the amount received by each such ambulance company; the reason such private ambulances were used; the number of HSE or hospital owned ambulances attached or available to each such acute hospital; the number of such HSE ambulances normally available to each such acute hospital that were not available by acute hospital and a private ambulance had to be used; the cost of the national ambulance budget for 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7303/18]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for an operation at university hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [7308/18]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding an application for an assessment of needs for a person (details supplied) at HSE south Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [7311/18]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health the support which will be given to persons that have Lyme disease in view of the substantial additional cost persons that have this condition must incur on an ongoing basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7317/18]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7318/18]

*439. 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. [7323/18]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) raised in correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [7325/18]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a water ban in place in Kilcloon, County Meath; and the sequence of events in the way in which the HSE discovered that there were high levels of chlorine in the local water supply. — Thomas Byrne. [7332/18]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the long waiting times for funding for orthotics to be approved by the HSE for persons with disabilities in County Cork; the waiting period for this type of funding in the county in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [7348/18]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health if the provision of versatis patches on the general medical card scheme will be restored for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [7349/18]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that thousands of the 40,000 eligible schoolgirls are still not getting the HPV vaccine; his plans to increase the take up of the HPV vaccine among eligible schoolgirls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7356/18]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the HPV vaccine to boys; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7357/18]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to liaise with the Minister for Education and Skills on the findings, due in 2018 of the National Steering Group on Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest in order to make public access to defibrillators more easily accessible in public places and schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7358/18]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment can be scheduled for a person (detail supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7366/18]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health when the motorised transport grant which was suspended in 2013 for new applications will be reopened. — Robert Troy. [7385/18]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health if a case (details supplied) will be reviewed; if this is accurate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7389/18]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the current waiting times for orthodontic treatment in CHO area 8; if solutions to the staffing shortage in this area can be investigated; and his further views on a number of possible short term solutions (details supplied) to ease this waiting list and provide essential treatment for the most severe cases within the region. — Robert Troy. [7390/18]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health the reason versatis patches have been withdrawn from the medical card services for persons that are in pain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [7432/18]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health when an assessment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7434/18]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to regulate the piercing and tattoo sector; the status of guidelines on the sector; the age of consent for such procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7491/18]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be placed in adult services. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [7492/18]

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

*455. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the growing problem facing sheep farmers at slaughter facilities whereby following an examination of lambs prior to entry processors are turning livestock away and refusing entry for slaughter due to a more stringent implementation of clean livestock policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6731/18]

*456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to put in place a scheme to cull badgers to stop the spread of tuberculosis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6733/18]

*457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Clare; the reason for the delay in issuing payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [6735/18]

*458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent by his department on photography by photographer and or agency, public relations or communications advice external to the media officers of his department, by agency; the use of public relations or communications advice by an agency fully funded by his department by agency and month, in tabular form since 1 January 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6740/18]

*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6759/18]

*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his department has changed its policy in relation to sheep being presented for slaughter and meat processing plants in the past twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [6770/18]

*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention was drawn to the fact that meat processing plants are refusing to accept sheep due to the fact they are wet or dirty and are telling farmers to shear their sheep before presenting them for slaughter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [6771/18]

*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his department will intervene and stop meat processing plants from refusing to accept wet and or dirty sheep and charging for shearing of sheep before slaughter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [6772/18]

*463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a system to facilitate persons (details supplied) fishing will be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [6785/18]

*464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an outstanding 2017 GLAS payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6791/18]

*465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the procurement of a ship for live cattle and calf exports to mainland Europe; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the capacity of this ship is crucial. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [6831/18]

*466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Coillte is in dispute with persons (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6834/18]

*467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to cease fur farming practices here further to the European Commission report stating that fur farming impairs mink welfare. — Jan O’Sullivan. [6838/18]

*468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has satisfied himself that there are adequate resources available to effectively enforce the implementation of the Animal Welfare Act 2013; and his views on whether the consequences for breaching the Act are effective deterrents. — Jan O’Sullivan. [6839/18]

*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when applications will be invited from local authorities for the development and maintenance of piers under the fishery harbour development scheme; the amount of funding that has been allocated to the scheme in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [6858/18]

*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [6869/18]

*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the State boards under the remit of his department; the number of persons on each of those boards; the number of those persons that are male and female, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6945/18]

*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of advertising campaigns paid for by his department to promote Irish food and drink; the associated cost of each campaign in each of the years 2008 to 2017. — Martin Kenny. [6991/18]

*473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent on health and safety initiatives for fishers in each of the years 2008 to 2017. — Martin Kenny. [6995/18]

*474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount paid out under the GLAS scheme; the number of recipients in each of the years 2008 to 2017; and the payments forecast for persons in each of the years 2018 to 2023. — Martin Kenny. [6996/18]

*475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding provided to Teagasc for the purposes of training young farmers in each of the years 2008 to 2017. — Martin Kenny. [6997/18]

*476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a forestry premium payment to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry has been reduced; if this payment will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [7003/18]

*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce a meal voucher scheme for farmers that are without fodder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [7024/18]

*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if prime beef will be sold by Irish meat plants to China in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [7162/18]

*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has satisfied himself with the operation of the sheep welfare scheme; the amount spent in 2017; the projected spend in 2018; and the amount of the scheme funded by the EU. — Willie Penrose. [7163/18]

*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to legally define the use of the term free range pork to provide assurance to both producers and consumers. — Willie Penrose. [7164/18]

*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to re-open the agriculture cashflow support loan scheme following the closure of same in September 2017 with an increased amount of funding. — Willie Penrose. [7166/18]

*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the new schemes being introduced in 2018 to develop the artisan food sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7168/18]

*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the schemes being developed to help create new markets for Irish food exports in the wake of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7169/18]

*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expenditure on ANC in 2017; the financial provision in his department's estimates for ANC in 2018; if the additional funding will be allocated on a proportionate basis to all recipients of ANC payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7180/18]

*485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the timeframe on the rollout of the farmer low cost loans scheme announced in budget 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6908/18]

*486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to ensure that the next round of GLAS payments are not delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6910/18]

*487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a BPS payment for 2016 for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7219/18]

*488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the growing campaign in relation to the beef grid, particularly in circumstances in which his predecessor gave a commitment to review the matter in November 2015; and the reason for the protracted delay in providing a review. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [7224/18]

*489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason live exporters are not represented at the beef forum (details supplied). — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [7225/18]

*490. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a review to the SPS section of his department to check land and payment information by persons (details supplied) in County Tipperary; when these checks will be complete and payments altered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7273/18]

*491. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 252 of 1 February 2018, his views on the inconsistencies in the inspection report of 2016 regarding declarations of compliance (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [7276/18]

*492. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason stable staff employed in Northern Ireland have never received pensions nor received moneys from the now wound up defined benefit stable staff pension scheme. — Clare Daly. [7279/18]

*493. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the winding up of the defined benefit stable staff pension scheme; the number of beneficiaries; the amount of money distributed; and the cost to administer the wind up. — Clare Daly. [7280/18]

*494. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the criteria which are applied for stable staff employees to become members of the newly formed defined contribution scheme, the stable employees pension scheme; his views on the adequacy of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [7281/18]

*495. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a person (details supplied) can be furnished with a copy of a dormant herd number that is attached to their folio of land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [7282/18]

*496. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a dormant herd number can be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [7283/18]

*497. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and Marine's decision on 25 January 2018 to report potential allegations of criminality regarding the foal levy to An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [7293/18]

*498. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter regarding farm payments for a person (details supplied). — Tom Neville. [7302/18]

*499. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to an incident on 5 February 2018 when a number of hounds from club (details supplied) ran onto the M3 resulting in the death of four dogs and creating a significant danger for motorists; the steps he will take to sanction the club; and his plans for legislation to ban fox hunting. — Clare Daly. [7327/18]

*500. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the pension entitlements of a person (details supplied) who was formerly employed within his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [7374/18]

*501. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he and his department continue to make preparations to capitalise on Brexit, with particular reference to the opening up of new opportunities for food production here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7448/18]

*502. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which he remains satisfied regarding the future development and expansion of the beef sector, with particular reference to its ability to compete on world markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7449/18]

*503. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he is satisfied regarding the future prospects for exports of lamb to the European Union or outside; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7450/18]

*504. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains reassured regarding the future of the cereal sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7451/18]

*505. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the future prospects for the dairy sector with particular reference to export markets; the extent to which the sector continues to achieve its high quality and competitiveness on international markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7452/18]

*506. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the mushroom industry here can be assisted or improved in view the impact of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7453/18]

*507. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he remains satisfied that Irish beef and beef products on European markets are not likely to be affected by imports from third countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7454/18]

*508. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which the poultry sector here is set to compete with or gain from issues arising from Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7455/18]

*509. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which fish stocks have improved or otherwise in the aftermath of ongoing EU fisheries conservation policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7456/18]

*510. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which Irish and EU food traceability standards continue to apply with particular reference to imports from third countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7458/18]

*511. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which new opportunities will arise for the artisan food sector; the extent to which his department continues to assist in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7459/18]

*512. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent of deer farming, the domestic and or export markets for venison; the extent to which the industry can grow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7460/18]

*513. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which his department monitors the costs of farm inputs such as fertilisers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7461/18]

*514. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the strength of the national beef herd, the dairy herd, the pig herd and the sheep flock; the extent to which numbers have fluctuated over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7462/18]

*515. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which adequate slaughtering facilities remain readily available to meet the needs of beef, lamb and pig producers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7463/18]

*516. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the new penalty points system for fishing offences will come before Dáil Éireann; if it will be brought to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine for scrutiny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7484/18]

*517. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS application by a person (details supplied) in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7490/18]

*518. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of succession farm partnerships that have been announced since the scheme was established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [7493/18]

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

*519. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the salmon angling quota for a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6797/18]

*520. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the cost of the dairy sector pilot project run by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland in collaboration with Teagasc conducted in 2017; the number of persons in receipt of payments from the scheme; his plans to sustain and expand the scheme; and the funding allocated for same in 2018. — Martin Kenny. [6998/18]

*521. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the impact a lack of broadband and mobile phone signal has on farmers and agricultural contractors seeking to use technology such as GPS and other applications to implement smart farming; and his plans to address this. — Willie Penrose. [7165/18]

*522. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which the salmon fisheries sector continues to develop and compete; the extent to which stocks have improved or otherwise in the past number of years; the action planned in relation to issues arising; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7457/18]

*523. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount spent by his department on photography by photographer and or agency, public relations or communications advice external to the media officers of his department, by agency; the use of public relations or communications advice by an agency fully funded by his department by agency and month, in tabular form since 1 January 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6743/18]

*524. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which the works carried out by a company (details supplied) to date in the context of the national broadband plan will be completed and or remedied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6860/18]

*525. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the State boards under the remit of his department; the number of persons on each of those boards; the number of those persons that are male and female, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6948/18]

*526. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the withdrawal of broadband services from north east County Roscommon which was

funded by a private operator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6952/18]

*527. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if broadband will be installed in an area (details supplied) in County Roscommon. — Eugene Murphy. [6953/18]

*528. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when broadband service will be available under the national broadband scheme at a person's (details supplied) home. — Eugene Murphy. [6954/18]

*529. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to provide a better quality broadband service to the area of Strokestown, County Roscommon. — Eugene Murphy. [6955/18]

*530. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of an agreement with a company (details supplied) in which 300,000 premises in rural areas were removed from the national broadband plan; if the company's infrastructure is still available to other competitors in the area and to those that win the national broadband plan tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6973/18]

*531. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to introduce a consistent broadband service to persons (details supplied) in Dublin 24. — Seán Crowe. [6988/18]

*532. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the planned compensation scheme for eel fishermen; the timeframe for the implementation of this scheme; and the monetary compensation available. — Robert Troy. [7000/18]

*533. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the rollout of broadband in an area (details supplied) in County Westmeath; and the service provider that persons are to use in cases in which broadband is not readily available. — Robert Troy. [7002/18]

*534. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to improve broadband service in an area (details supplied) in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [7040/18]

*535. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the plans in place to improve broadband availability in Ballinalack, County Westmeath; and when it will be rolled out. — Robert Troy. [7058/18]

*536. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the action he plans to take arising from his recent meeting with a group (details supplied) in respect of the proposals by EirGrid to commence work on an electricity substation at Coolnabacka, County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7069/18]

*537. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the source for information (details supplied); the geographical breakdown of those estimated end users per metropolitan area network; the criteria for inclusion as end users that benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [7085/18]

*538. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of connections per metropolitan area network; the estimated number of end users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [7086/18]

*539. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the criteria for inclusion in estimated end users with regard to metropolitan area networks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [7087/18]

*540. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the plans put in place for affordable measures and schemes for farm scale renewable energy generation projects (details supplied); his views on whether assistance should be given for farm scale renewable energy generation such as the absence of a feed in tariff to sell electricity to the grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [7092/18]

*541. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to extend the rollout of fibre broadband in an area (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [7094/18]

*542. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans for the extension of broadband to the Bohernabreena area; the reason there are not plans underway to extend to areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7095/18]

*543. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the names, qualifications and companies of the 80 international experts working with his department in supervising the rollout and implementation of the national broadband scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [7212/18]

*544. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount spent on the public network of electric charging points for electric vehicles in each of the years 2013 to 2017; and the amounts allocated for 2018 to 2021, respectively. — Brian Stanley. [7215/18]

*545. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the objectives of the recently launched fish stock management plan for the Owenriff catchment; the way in which the objectives will be achieved; and the benefits for brown trout fishing on Lough Corrib. — Seán Canney. [7286/18]

*546. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the efforts to manage pike in the western lakes, particularly Lough Corrib; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [7287/18]

*547. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the plans the State companies and agencies under his aegis have in place for Bliain na Gaeilge 2018; the initiatives each will be undertaking; the amount allocated to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [7294/18]

*548. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to protect the REFIT revenue due to small and community renewable generators when I-SEM market structure goes live; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7359/18]

*549. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the upcoming RESS will include technology specific auctions in particular to enable deployment of solar PV generation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7360/18]

*550. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated additional renewable energy generation capacity in energy terms that will be required over the next five years to provide 100% renewable energy for the expanding data centre industry; the number of megawatts of each renewable technology in installed capacity terms which would be required to provide the target and the estimated requirements for wind, solar PV and biomass, in tabular form. — John Curran. [7361/18]

*551. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will provide a clear, detailed and specific roadmap to achieve the government's plan of having only electric cars on sale here in 12 years in 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7362/18]

*552. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to examine the implementation of the national broadband plan in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [7367/18]

*553. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of his department's review of the functioning of the household waste collection system here; the date by which he will provide an independent regulator for this market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [7436/18]

*554. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of households and businesses waiting on the rollout of the national broadband plan in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath and nationally, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7486/18]

*555. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount budgeted for the preparation and publication of the post office business network development group. — Timmy Dooley. [7494/18]

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

*556. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the allocation for road maintenance and repair to Cork city and county councils in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [6697/18]

*557. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the policies in place for statutory authorities to call upon volunteer organisations that are trained to help with search and rescue operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [6781/18]

*558. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount received in motor tax receipts for Cork county council in 2017; the amount returned to the council from the local government fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [7176/18]

*559. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he or his officials have met the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment or his officials regarding the condition of roads in view of the recent audit report on same and the impact it is having on road safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [6699/18]

*560. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount spent by his department on photography by photographer and or agency, public relations or communications advice external to the media officers of his department, by agency; the use of public relations or communications advice by an agency fully funded by his department by agency and month, in tabular form since 1 January 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6756/18]

*561. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he will advance the greenway cycle route from Athlone to Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [6760/18]

*562. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the additional resources that will be provided to Tourism Ireland in 2018 to increase the number of tourists coming from the UK market following the 5% decrease in UK visitors in 2017 compared to 2016 figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [6778/18]

*563. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress of phases 1 and 2 of a construction project (details supplied) in County Mayo; when the construction of the running track around the development which is part of phase 2 will commence; the date on which phase 2 of the project including the construction of the running track will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [6814/18]

*564. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeframe for sports capital grant applications in 2018; and when this scheme is likely to be announced. — Robert Troy. [6829/18]

*565. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of additional ticket validators that have been provided at Luas stops as a result of the increased capacity that is being provided since the launch of Luas cross city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [6836/18]

*566. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of additional security personnel that have been provided on the Luas green and red lines as a result of the additional capacity being provided; the number of additional security personnel that will be provided pending the launch of the longer trams on Luas cross city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [6837/18]

*567. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will report on the recent appointment of Fingal county council as independent noise regulator for Dublin airport; the parameters of this role; the way in which the role will be executed and monitored; the consultation with and involvement of the local community in the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [6844/18]

*568. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which the decision was made to appoint Fingal county council as the independent noise regulator for Dublin airport; the international noise pollution standards that are to be adhered to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [6845/18]

*569. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will request TII to carry out a further safety audit on all motorways to prevent incorrect access (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [6974/18]

*570. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if an exemption in toll charges for blood deliveries (details supplied) to hospitals will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [6987/18]

*571. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of new signs for the M18 motorway signalling Kilcolgan and Clarinbridge; when these signs will be completed and installed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [7025/18]

*572. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to revise the five axle haulage derogation which was signed into law on the basis that the haulage industry has been under sustained pressure over the past number of years with regard to overheads; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the transition period that was envisaged in 2008 to move to five axle trucks has been financially unviable for many hauliers to change their entire fleet due to the economic downturn; and if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that since SI 5/2003 vehicles have been developed the highest technical standard which far outweigh that which was envisaged in 2003. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [7050/18]

*573. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to parliamentary question number 553 of 6 February 2018, his plans to introduce more school friendly timetables for the school-going population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [7070/18]

*574. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the noise pollution parameters as set out in the original 2007 planning permission for the north runway at Dublin airport will be changed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7076/18]

*575. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the rail review which was compiled on foot of the 2016 NTA rail review and after a public consultation process will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [7175/18]

*576. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date on which the non-executive chairman position of Córas Iompair Éireann will be filled; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the vacancy is impacting on the way in which CIÉ operates; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that spending limits for projects are in force while the role remains vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7214/18]

*577. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the grant aids available for underwater search and recovery groups; his plans to update same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7288/18]

*578. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to EU COM(2017)548 proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on rail passengers’ rights and obligations (details supplied); if a plan of action regarding the legislative implications relating to the implementation of this proposal has been prepared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7309/18]

*579. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the general review of all invalid applications under the 2017 sports capital programme will be completed and organisations

informed as to whether their applications have now been approved; when the decisions will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7313/18]

*580. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of invalid applications under the 2017 sports capital programme that are being reviewed by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7315/18]

*581. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to an incident on 5 February 2018 when a number of hounds from club (details supplied) ran onto the M3 resulting in the death of four dogs and creating a significant danger for motorists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [7326/18]

*582. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the actions he is taking to improve traffic congestion in Dublin in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7350/18]

*583. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has satisfied himself that the Dublin Bus fleet is adequate to meet passenger demand in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7351/18]

*584. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide a clear, detailed and specific roadmap to achieve the government's plan of having only electric cars on sale here in 12 years in 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7352/18]

*585. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding that his department will be awarding to each local authority for the purposes of maintaining regional and local roads in 2018, as per his press release (details supplied), in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [7369/18]

*586. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date by which the national sports policy will be completed. — Robert Troy. [7370/18]

*587. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of applications received for the purchase of wheelchair accessible vehicles; the number of grants paid for same in each year since 2014, by county, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [7371/18]

*588. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will clarify his response to parliamentary question number 438 of 29 November 2017, in which he stated that his department would be opening the electric SPSV grant scheme in early 2019, despite this measure being announced as part of budget 2018. — Robert Troy. [7372/18]

*589. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of PSO subvention paid to Irish Rail, Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann in 2017, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [7373/18]

*590. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason the toll on the M4 is out of sync with all other tolls in the country; the actions he has taken to try to bring this toll in line with other toll roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [7384/18]

*591. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the average time for persons passing through passport control at Dublin airport; and the way this compares to the past five years. — Robert Troy. [7386/18]

*592. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some taxi operators that availed of the grant for the provision of a wheelchair taxi refuse to take wheelchair passengers and opt to take six regular passengers instead as more profitable; if the attention of the regulator has been drawn to this practice; and if there have been prosecutions in this regard. — Robert Troy. [7387/18]

*593. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount spent by his department to support park and ride facilities, by current and capital expenditure in each of the years 2008 to 2017. — Imelda Munster. [7438/18]

*594. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount spent by his department to support public cycling infrastructure in each of the years 2008 to 2017. — Imelda Munster. [7439/18]

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

*595. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of women's refuge centres; the number of women these centres can cater for; the number of women in these centres at present; the centre which supports women in counties Cavan and Monaghan; her plans to introduce more; the supports in place for women in counties Cavan and Monaghan that have no centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7391/18]

*596. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to introduce a women's refuge to counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7392/18]

*597. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the services available to women from counties Cavan and Monaghan seeking refuge from abusive relationships; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7393/18]

*598. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the full year running cost of Oberstown Detention Centre. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7048/18]

*599. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if correspondence from persons (details supplied) in County Cork in relation to an ECCE place for their child will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6711/18]

*600. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount spent by her department on photography by photographer and or agency, public relations or communications advice external to the media officers of her department, by agency; the use of public relations or communications advice by an agency fully funded by her department by agency and month, in tabular form since 1 January 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6742/18]

*601. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the vox pop style document circulated by Galway county council as part of its consultation process on the burial site at Bon Secours, Tuam; and her views on whether this is an appropriate methodology of consultation in view of the sensitive nature of the matter. — Clare Daly. [6815/18]

*602. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the State boards under the remit of her department; the number of persons on each of those boards; the number of those persons that are male and female, respectively. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6947/18]

*603. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when redress under the existing scheme will be extended to former residents of a home (details supplied) in view of the finding of a report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7234/18]

*604. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when the necessary funding will be provided for the reopening of a facility (details supplied) as previously promised by government representatives. — Robert Troy. [7381/18]

*605. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when she will announce the successful applicants for new family resource centres. — Robert Troy. [7382/18]

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

*606. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans for the expenditure of the town enhancement and development fund for Dunmore, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6691/18]

*607. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount spent by his department on photography by photographer and or agency, public relations or communications advice external to the media officers of his department, by agency; the use of public relations or communications advice by an agency fully funded by his department by agency and month, in tabular form since 1 January 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6754/18]

*608. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of LEADER applications submitted and approved in relation to the south west of County Cork; if funding has been drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [7122/18]

*609. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when he plans to open the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme for 2018; if funding will be included for the greenway project from Sallins, County Kildare to Adamstown, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [7199/18]

*610. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to reopen the rural walks scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7289/18]

*611. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funds that will be available to enable elderly persons over 70 years of age meet for recreational and leisure pursuits and for social occasions on a regular basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [7412/18]

*612. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if in the context of the community alert system and the additional funding promised to expand same, the way in which the new scheme will operate; the amount of the charge that recipients of the scheme will pay after the first year of availing of same and for each year thereafter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [7413/18]

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

*613. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) in County Kildare. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6864/18]

*614. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application for disability allowance by a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [6677/18]

*615. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork qualifies for occupational injuries benefit. — Michael McGrath. [6717/18]

*616. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the criteria needed for a person from Bulgaria when applying for a public services card. — Thomas Byrne. [6734/18]

*617. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount spent by her department on photography by photographer and or agency, public relations or communications advice external to the media officers of her department, by agency; the use of public relations or communications advice by an agency fully funded by her department by agency and month, in tabular form since 1 January 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6747/18]

*618. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is entitled to a carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6765/18]

*619. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons on jobpath in County Donegal as of 1 February 2018; the number of persons that were on jobpath for the same date in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [6795/18]

*620. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if recommendations contained in the report on part time and seasonal workers entitlements presented to her in 2017 have been decided on; when legacy issues which are adversely affecting this sector of employment will be addressed; her plans for dealing with the issues affecting these workers; the timeframe for implementing the necessary changes in order to help this sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [6796/18]

*621. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a review regarding the use of the public services card as part of section 5 of the Social Welfare, Pensions and Civil Registration Bill 2017 will be carried out in view of the fact that while the card is not mandatory the list of mandatory services requiring the card is increasing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [6823/18]

*622. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to review the process with the back to education allowance in view of the fact that a person has to apply each year for a back to education allowance if doing a four year course in view of the fact that previously the allowance granted the person the full four years of study; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [6824/18]

*623. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a non contributory pension application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6825/18]

*624. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a committee to examine the steps her department can take to create a child maintenance service to assist lone parents to seek child maintenance payments will be established in view of commitments made during a debate in Seanad Éireann in December 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [6857/18]

*625. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6865/18]

*626. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated additional annual cost of ensuring via social welfare increases that all household types currently in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment are brought into compliance with the minimum income standards developed by an organisation (details supplied). — John Brady. [6921/18]

*627. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated annual cost of index linking each payment (details supplied) to inflation over the next five years, in tabular form. — John Brady. [6922/18]

*628. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated annual cost of index linking all weekly social welfare payments to inflation over the next five years. — John Brady. [6923/18]

*629. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated annual cost of index linking all social welfare payments to inflation over the next five years. — John Brady. [6924/18]

*630. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of her plans for the future of the Tús scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [6935/18]

*631. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [6937/18]

*632. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6944/18]

*633. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to a vote taken in Dáil Éireann on 30 March 2017 which called upon the Citizens Information Board to desist from the dismantling and replacement of the networks of independent Citizens Information Services and MABS; if her attention has been further drawn to a report of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Social Protection issued on 1 June 2017 which recommended a similar action; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the board is persisting with the strategy of which both Dáil Éireann and the Joint Committee disapproves; and her understanding and the understanding communicated by her department to the board of the role of Dáil Éireann in

matters of public administration particularly in circumstances in which funds voted by Dáil Éireann are involved. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [6960/18]

*634. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for illness benefit by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6963/18]

*635. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason persons on jobpath cannot transfer to either community employment schemes or rural social schemes in rural areas even in cases in which there is a clear willingness to work on such schemes on the part of the jobpath participants (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [6969/18]

*636. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding an application for disability allowance by a person (details supplied) in County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6993/18]

*637. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the decision to refuse an application for exceptional needs payment by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7001/18]

*638. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated number of existing workers that would see a change in their contracts as a result of the new section 18(2) of the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997. — Róisín Shortall. [7041/18]

*639. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to expand the free travel scheme to recipients of domiciliary care; the estimated cost of this expansion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [7054/18]

*640. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when payment will be restored in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7066/18]

*641. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the appeal against disallowance of payment in the case of a person (details supplied) will be decided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7067/18]

*642. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to parliamentary question numbers 591, 592 and 593 of 30 January 2018, the person that made the decision to restructure MABS and CIS; when this decision was taken; if it was a departmental directive or a decision by the board of CIB; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7093/18]

*643. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [7167/18]

*644. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding an application for disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7171/18]

*645. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person who has already completed jobpath and failed to get employment is being forced to re-engage a second time with the service provider within a year after completing same and is being blocked by the service provider from going on a Tús scheme; the number of times a person can be required to engage with jobpath; the frequency with which this can happen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7182/18]

*646. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason persons that work part time for three or four days a week are being forced to participate on jobpath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7183/18]

*647. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to parliamentary question numbers 330, 331 and 332 of 1 February 2018, if her attention has been drawn to the conclusions of the recent actuarial review of the social insurance fund in regard to using a 30 year basis for full pension entitlement (details supplied), in particular the conclusion that under a 30 year basis a significant number of persons will be negatively impacted in view of the proposal to use a 40 year basis in the interim total contributions approach. — Clare Daly. [7241/18]

*648. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the guarantees or provision she plans to make for the first generation of pensioners under the total contributions approach from 2020 onwards in order that persons will not be faced with significant cuts to their pension expectations and with no time to adjust their planning; and if her attention has been drawn to a conclusion in the national framework plan (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [7242/18]

*649. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the home care credits in the total contributions approach will be allocated in the same way that unemployment credits are, namely that in the same contribution year a person can have a mix of paid contributions and home care credits. — Clare Daly. [7243/18]

*650. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to change a core principle of the State contributory pension by introducing means testing in view of the fact that she has referred to other sources of income in discussions on the impact of pension rate changes on affected pensioners. — Clare Daly. [7244/18]

*651. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a fuel allowance will be reinstated for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [7277/18]

*652. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal lodged by a person (details supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [7285/18]

*653. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a fuel allowance application by a person (details supplied). — Tom Neville. [7314/18]

*654. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to parliamentary question number 475 of 14 November 2017, the status of the matter. — Tom Neville. [7319/18]

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

*655. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average wait times for Irish Water to acknowledge, process and communicate final decisions regarding pre-connection applications for sewerage and water, in tabular form. — Mick Wallace. [6681/18]

*656. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the priority given to applications for grants under the housing adaptation grants for persons with disabilities that are in hospital or temporary nursing home care while waiting for adaptations to be given approval; if no such system is generally applied, his plans to introduce one; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6683/18]

*657. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the staffing numbers by local authority in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; the new staff approvals sanctioned by local authority in 2016 and 2017; the outstanding requests pending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6684/18]

*658. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position in relation to the preparation of national policy guidelines for the solar farm industry; the timeframe in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [6685/18]

*659. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding being allocated to cover the costs of new posts when additional posts are sanctioned to local authorities; if changes are made to local authority baselines to build in future costs of approved posts; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6686/18]

*660. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to parliamentary question number 1971 of 11 September 2017, the status of plans to sell the harvesting rights of kelp disk seaweed to a company (details supplied); if this deal has already gone through; and the way in which it will affect the County Clare coastline. — Eoin Ó Broin. [6708/18]

*661. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to launch a new tenant purchase scheme for long term social housing tenants; and if carer's allowance will be included as allowable income. — Colm Brophy. [6712/18]

*662. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the detail of the self build aspect of the home loan scheme; the way in which the value of the property at completion will be ascertained; if there will be a limit to the number of applicants to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6716/18]

*663. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount spent by his department on photography by photographer and or agency, public relations or communications advice external to the media officers of his department, by agency; the use of public relations or communications advice by an agency fully funded by his department by agency and month, in tabular form since 1 January 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6751/18]

*664. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if an application for funding for the provision of social housing in an area (details supplied) by Longford county council will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [6788/18]

*665. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to rectify the lack of legislation involving short term lettings in apartments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [6828/18]

*666. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of applications made to An Bord Pleanála to date under the fast track planning system; the number of these applications that have been declared invalid; the number of applications that have been refused and successful respectively; and the average processing times for pre-planning decision and a final decision respectively, in tabular form. — Mick Wallace. [6856/18]

*667. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the mandatory retirement age for members of the fire service; if this retirement age may be extended for certain persons; if this dispensation is made at the discretion of the local authority concerned; if such an exemption exists, the maximum age at which fire personnel may remain in their role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6866/18]

*668. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if funding is provided to assist an approved housing body to develop; if so, the mechanism to apply for such funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [6934/18]

*669. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number and amount of water charge refunds paid to date; the plans of Irish Water for further repayments; the way in which unspent funds will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [6972/18]

*670. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding allocated to each local authority in 2017 for older persons, disabled persons and mobility grants for council tenants, in tabular form; when it is expected the next allocation of such funding will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [7022/18]

*671. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding allocated to each local authority in 2017 for older persons, disabled persons and mobility grants for privately owned homes, in tabular form; when it is expected the next allocation of such funding will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [7023/18]

*672. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a report (details supplied) will be removed from his department’s website. — Mary Lou McDonald. [7103/18]

*673. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if, following a High Court judgement (details supplied), he will revoke his predecessor’s public statement of 24 April 2013 which included a quoted excerpt from a report. — Mary Lou McDonald. [7104/18]

*674. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to rescind a report (details supplied); and his plans to establish a new independent investigation regarding the compulsory acquisition of land at Charlesland, County Wicklow by Wicklow County Council in 2004. — Mary Lou McDonald. [7105/18]

*675. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will initiate a meeting between the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the chairperson of the board of Horse Racing Ireland and the chief executive of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown county council, with

a view to releasing an unused vacant site (details supplied) to the local authority for the provision of mixed tenure, social and affordable housing. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7198/18]

*676. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he has taken to ensure the housing assistance payment rates are in line with market rents in Cork city; if a review has been conducted recently (details supplied); if there is a review scheduled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [7271/18]

*677. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to extend the 50% homeless rate of HAP to support those leaving homelessness available in the Dublin region to the Cork and other regions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [7272/18]

*678. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons that have taken up the vacant housing repair and lease scheme by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [7304/18]

*679. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the budget expenditure for the vacant housing repair and lease scheme, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [7305/18]

*680. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if relief measures will be put in place for members of group water schemes in view of the discontinuation of the domestic water charging regime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [7306/18]

*681. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if an initial free water allowance for agricultural holdings that are subject to the water charging regime will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [7307/18]

*682. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the projects considered under LIHAF in 2016 and 2017; the projects approved; the locations of each; the funding which was provided to each project; if the funding has been drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7312/18]

*683. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of a deed of rectification (details supplied) in County Kildare. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [7316/18]

*684. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the targets he has set to improve the rate of inspections for privately rented properties by local authorities; the monitoring system in place to ensure persons that rent substandard accommodation can expect to be held to account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [7322/18]

*685. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on a matter (details supplied) raised in correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [7328/18]

*686. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to establish and maintain a central register of vacant sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7353/18]

*687. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of rental property inspections expected to be carried out in each local authority as a result of the provision of €2.5 million of funding for this purpose, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7354/18]

*688. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he is taking to maximise the use of State owned lands to deliver affordable rental and affordable purchase homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7355/18]

*689. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if priority is being given to ensure that sufficient planning consents for renewable energy projects in particular solar PV developments, will be in place in 2018 in order that meaningful competition will take place in the RESS auctions to deliver best value for consumers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7363/18]

*690. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measures being taken to assist families such as a person (details supplied) that are stuck in properties in negative equity; the schemes available for them to avail of; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7394/18]

*691. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has had discussions with other departments with a view to reducing commercial rates on city and town centre businesses in order to revitalise core urban centres which are frequently losing out to edge of town shopping; his plans to consider such measures in conjunction with his Cabinet colleagues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [5959/18]

*692. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress made in resolving the regulatory licencing issues that pose an impediment to the development of the seaweed industry; the research carried out in relation to the production of a sustainable management plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7116/18]

*693. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to initiate a boundary commission on European Parliament boundaries, in view of a recent European Parliament decision to extend the number of MEP seats here from 11 to 13; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [7447/18]

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

*694. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the amount spent by her department on photography by photographer and or agency, public relations or communications advice external to the media officers of her department, by agency; the use of public relations or communications advice by an agency fully funded by her department by agency and month, in tabular form since 1 January 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [6744/18]

*695. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of indigenous films and foreign films respectively that have been made each year with the assistance of Irish Film Board funding over the past five years; and the number of these films both indigenous and foreign which were profit making. — Peadar Tóibín. [6798/18]

*696. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the position regarding funding for heritage sites in County Louth; the sites in the care of the OPW, local authority or otherwise; the funding provided by her department for same in 2017 and proposed for 2018; if St Laurence's Gate in Drogheda is funded by her department; if an application for funds for this gate was received from Louth county council or another body or organisation; if so, the works requested to be carried out; if her department has been requested to take over and manage this historic gate; if not, the process by which this could happen; the person or body that owns St Laurence's Gate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7107/18]

*697. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive a payment on the cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [7203/18]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 2018**

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the activities of the strategic communications unit and the number of staff now in place. — Brendan Howlin. [7231/18]

2. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff in the Government Information Service. — Micheál Martin. [7444/18]

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

3. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his strategy for dealing with households in County Donegal which form part of the national broadband strategy specifically under the rural broadband scheme; the timeframe by which all households in the county will be connected to high speed broadband as part of the rural broadband scheme; the number of households within the county that will be directly affected; if a guarantee can be provided that no further delay will occur and the 2023 deadline will be achieved for all rural households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [7259/18]

4. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures contained within the national broadband plan to ensure equality in the rollout of broadband services for rural areas, rural communities and regional towns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [7396/18]

5. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when he expects to receive the two reports that he commissioned in relation to the proposed north south interconnector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7405/18]

6. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to support the expansion of angling across communities in particular among younger persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [7250/18]

7. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has satisfied himself that the remaining bidder in the NBP process has the capacity and capability to complete the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [7408/18]

8. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his department will request that the EPA carry out an impact study into the effects of increased energy use and its implications for Ireland's obligations under the Paris Agreement (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [7246/18]

9. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the supports available to develop angling with particular reference to County Sligo and the north west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [7255/18]

10. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his department's review of the relative costs of undergrounding the north south interconnector relative to the cost of overgrounding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [7467/18]

11. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when he expects a penetration rate of 100% to be achieved under the national broadband plan. — Sean Sherlock. [7342/18]

12. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to provide broadband to counties Roscommon and Galway further to the withdrawal of a company (details supplied) from the national broadband plan. — Eugene Murphy. [7252/18]

13. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will request a review of the commitment contract his department has with a company (details supplied) in relation to the 300,000 homes removed from the NBP in view of that company's withdrawal from the NBP competition; if this contract can be revoked by the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [7479/18]

14. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the particulars of the deal secured on 21 December 2017 on effort sharing regulation surrounding climate change emissions targets; the implications for agriculture emissions targets; the emissions reductions his department expects from the agriculture sector by 2030; the areas of agriculture that will account for the reductions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [7478/18]

15. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps his department has taken or will take in the future to ensure that companies competing for State procurement of services, such as the national broadband plan, do not collude with each other in the bidding and competitive tendering process to the detriment of the State's finances; the penalties a company might incur if found to have engaged in such collusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [7482/18]

16. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if all contracts awarded by agencies under his remit follow public procurement and competition rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7265/18]

17. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which he has achieved progress and understanding to advance the programme to deliver broadband (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7414/18]

18. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the potential implications for developing a biomass industry here to sustain current and future power plants in view of the planned investment by Bord na Móna in a biomass facility in the United States of America. — Brian Stanley. [7401/18]

19. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the actions he is taking to advance the development of solar energy here; the amount of solar power he anticipates will be generated here in each of the years 2018 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7335/18]

20. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to concerns of persons in County Kildare regarding the expansion of a landfill site (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [7336/18]

21. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the trading online voucher scheme is being expanded; the number of businesses which have availed of the scheme in County Offaly in 2017 and since its introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [7254/18]

22. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the moral obligations to reduce emissions due to of the effects climate change is having on the developing world as highlighted by a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [7409/18]

23. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his view on the value of the geoscience sector here as determined by a recent analysis of the sector; the steps he is taking to maximise the value of the sector to local economies and communities, such as the development of geoparks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [7257/18]

24. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress which has been made on the mobile broadband taskforce implementation group on the 40 recommendations identified in the final report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [7340/18]

25. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the renewable energy support scheme; the date by which this scheme will be launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [7468/18]

26. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the input his department has had in the framing of the national development plan in relation to ensuring the viability of the rural post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [7481/18]

27. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of communities in counties Cavan and Monaghan in relation to the north south interconnector particularly in relation to health, land devaluation, property devaluation,

tourism and heritage; his plans to underground this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7465/18]

28. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to provide a report on the achievements and successes of the mobile phone and broadband task force recommendations to date; the further recommendations he plans to implement; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the nationwide experience is that mobile phone signals are deteriorating and the services worsening despite the task force report being published since December 2016; if his attention has been further drawn to the anxiety many rural households have in relation to rural broadband provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [7260/18]

29. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which he and his department will ensure value for money for the taxpayer in the national broadband plan process in view of the fact that only one bidder remains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [7407/18]

30. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated level of fines that Ireland will face by missing 2020 renewable energy targets; the short term and immediate actions he is taking to reduce these fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7334/18]

31. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when each of the sectoral adaptation plans for climate change mitigation will be published; the planned measures of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [7477/18]

32. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to use his powers under the Electricity Regulation Act 1999 to issue a policy direction to the Commission for Energy Regulation in regard to competition in the electricity supply market in view of domestic electricity prices here. — Brian Stanley. [7402/18]

33. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the alternative plans being considered by his department for the rolling out of the national broadband plan since a company (details supplied) pulled out of the procurement process; the measures he is taking to prevent further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7471/18]

34. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress which has been made on the creation of an all-Ireland energy market. — Sean Sherlock. [7343/18]

35. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps his department will take to practically support the inclusion of community based micro energy generation initiatives in the renewable energy support scheme. — Clare Daly. [7245/18]

36. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his department is examining the phasing out of use of non-compostable disposable cups in all government buildings including the Kildare Street and Merrion Street campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7264/18]

37. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the national development plan contains targets and projects for retrofitting homes; if his department had an input into same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7474/18]

38. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to increase the flexibility and grounds by which persons can apply for the warmth and well being grant. — John Lahart. [7266/18]

39. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the input his department has had in relation to the national development plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7473/18]

40. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to establish a biogas industry as an indigenous source of energy and an alternative to fossil fuels. — Brian Stanley. [7400/18]

41. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps being taken to enhance cyber security particularly in view of the networks information systems directive which must be transposed by May 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [7256/18]

42. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to address problems with broadband provision in the western areas of County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [7249/18]

43. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the deadline by which his department in conjunction with the Departments of Justice and Equality and Children and Youth Affairs will appoint a digital safety commissioner. — Timmy Dooley. [7469/18]

44. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to tackle the mass evasion of the television licence by households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [7248/18]

45. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the upgrade of the national mobile phone coverage plan; the steps he is taking to improve it in accordance with the measures and timetables set out in the programme for government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [7253/18]

46. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the three most important actions he plans to take to address the issue of climate change and carbon reduction including development of the alternative energy sector and incentivising the transport sector to change to renewable fuels; the extent to which the domestic transport sector can be influential in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7415/18]

47. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will publish the two reports that he commissioned in relation to the proposed north south interconnector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7406/18]

48. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the rollout of broadband to areas in the south west of County Dublin that are currently lacking in broadband (details supplied); if the matter will be addressed in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [7268/18]

49. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the work of his department and agencies under its aegis on ensuring investment in fish farms by Inland Fisheries Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [7262/18]

50. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to commission a study to examine the feasibility of the re-nationalisation of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [7480/18]

51. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the new applications to his department that are pending a decision or for which a decision has been made for a licence, undertaking or lease for the exploration and so on of petroleum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [7483/18]

52. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the date by which he will be publishing An Post's strategic plan for the future of the post network; if he has satisfied himself with the implementation of the An Post business network development group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [7466/18]

53. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the significant number of households and businesses waiting on the national broadband plan in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath and on the negative impacts this is having on everyday lives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7420/18]

54. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of his commitment to provide high speed broadband to each house and business in County Donegal; the deadline for same; the number of homes and business which have access to high speed broadband; the number of additional homes and businesses which received access high speed broadband in 2017; the number which will receive access in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7333/18]

55. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the new climate action offices and the way in which they plan to interact with local communities to mitigate against climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7472/18]

56. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the interaction he has had with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the future sustainability of the post office network. — Sean Sherlock. [7341/18]

57. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the impact that a company (details supplied) pulling out of the national broadband plan tender process will have on the commitment to provide high speed broadband to every house and business in County Donegal; the number of homes and business which currently have access to high speed broadband; the number of homes and businesses which received access to high speed broadband in 2017; the number which will receive access in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7298/18]

58. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which he plans to proceed the national adaptation framework to reduce the negative effects of climate change. — Sean Sherlock. [7344/18]

59. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on reports from Britain that the disposal of nuclear waste is being proposed on the island of Ireland; and his further views on this possible measure. — Brian Stanley. [7404/18]

60. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the uptake of the trading online voucher scheme by county both in 2017 and since the scheme's introduction; if the scheme is being expanded; if so, if such an expansion will include data protection and cyber security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [7261/18]

61. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the threat of offshore island depopulation and the need for high speed broadband to curtail this trend through new employment opportunities for offshore island dwellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [7410/18]

62. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of his department's review of the functioning of the household waste collection system; the date by which he will provide an independent regulator for this market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [7470/18]

63. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the solutions he and the agencies under his remit have in place to tackle unemployment in rural areas in view of further delays with the rollout of the national broadband plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [7258/18]

64. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeframe for full implementation of the national broadband plan in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7398/18]

65. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which the for cost of road impact and other impacts locally is factored into a company's licence in the context of licensing for landfills; if the amount and or sum due for the provision of road impact is paid to the local authority; the amount by percentage that is factored into the cost of the licence for road and or other impacts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7247/18]

66. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the work to ensure adherence to the network information systems directive with particular reference to cyber security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [7251/18]

67. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has satisfied himself that there are adequate car public charging points available; if not, his plans to increase the number of public charging points across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7475/18]

68. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if no impacted land owners along the route of the north south interconnector will have their lands accessed by EirGrid without the prior written consent of the landowner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [7339/18]

69. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of ecar public charging points available; his plans to increase the number of public charging points across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7476/18]