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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach the main new risks identified in the 2018 draft national risk assessment compared to the 2017 assessment. — Martin Heydon. [23590/18]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the recently published draft national risk assessment 2018. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24673/18]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagement with the Prime Minister of Belgium, Mr. Charles Michel. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23615/18]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Belgian Prime Minister. — Brendan Howlin. [23789/18]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Prime Minister Charles Michel of Belgium on 24 May 2018 and his comments on the issues discussed such as Brexit, the proposed new customs partnership with the UK, the future of Europe and international issues. — Micheál Martin. [23791/18]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to Prime Minister Sanchez of Spain since his appointment. — Micheál Martin. [25357/18]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Belgian Prime Minister with a view on Belgian-Irish relations. — Tom Neville. [25590/18]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department's legislative priorities. — Brendan Howlin. [23790/18]
9. To ask the Taoiseach the status of Bills under preparation in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24671/18]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department's legislative priorities. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25390/18]
11. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the plans for revamping his Department's website. — Micheál Martin. [23795/18]
12. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to update his Department's website. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24672/18]

13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Prime Minister Lee Nak-yeon of South Korea and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [25354/18]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent conversation with the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Justin Trudeau. — Joan Burton. [25360/18]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Prime Minister of South Korea. — Joan Burton. [25362/18]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on his commitment to double Ireland's global footprint. — Micheál Martin. [25355/18]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to Belfast; and the meetings that he attended and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [25651/18]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the opening of the West Belfast festival. — Micheál Martin. [25653/18]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

19. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she has taken to address the fact that many children in foster care are placed under a voluntary care order; and the issues arising from same. — Anne Rabbitte. [25898/18]

20. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the progress made by Tusla in contacting those that are known to have been affected by an adoption scandal (details supplied); and the scope of the targeted sampling exercise announced by her. — Denise Mitchell. [25738/18]

21. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she has taken to enact the recommendations of the Internet Content Governance Advisory Council; the additional steps that will be taken to ensure the safety of children online; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [25899/18]

22. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her Department has assessed the impact on the rights and welfare of those children of same-sex parents that are not able to accurately record their parents' details on birth certificates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [25897/18]

23. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to widen the scope of the investigation into illegal birth registrations beyond the initial sampling exercise to include all of those homes and private agencies involved in organising adoptions in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [25106/18]

**CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

24. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason no audit or action was taken in view of the report submitted by the Adoption Authority of Ireland on illegal registrations in 2011 and which again reported the issue in 2013. — Mick Barry. [25613/18]

25. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the date by which she plans to have the Adoption Amendment (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016 enacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [25647/18]

26. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of matters relating to governance at an organisation (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [25608/18]

27. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the actions being taken to inform and redress those impacted by the false recording of adoptions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [25686/18]

28. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the measures she will take to support parents that choose to care for children in the home. — Eamon Ryan. [25682/18]

29. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status the QCBI innovation fund; the way in which it can benefit projects in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [25559/18]

30. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to introduce a new childcare capital grant scheme in 2018 to assist childcare providers to extend or provide new childcare facilities in cases in which there is an identified need for additional places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25642/18]

31. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she will take to address the issues raised in the recently published Child Care Law Reporting Project study; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [25561/18]

32. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the sampling exercise of adoption records held by Tusla and the Adoption Authority of Ireland will be extended to include all forms of illegal adoption and not just illegal birth registrations. — Mick Wallace. [25562/18]

33. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the measures she is taking to address concerns raised by the Health Information and Quality Authority which found significant levels of non-compliance in foster care standards; if such concerns extend to County Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25321/18]

34. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she can facilitate a comprehensive evaluation of the extent to which children were illegally adopted, removed from their natural parents and in some cases transported to other jurisdictions in return for a fee in the past; if such activities have been detected as being ongoing in recent times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25658/18]

35. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the aims of the joint protocol with the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive regarding additional supports for children in emergency accommodation; the number of referrals; and if she is satisfied with the operation. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [25450/18]

36. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is satisfied that enough supports are in place for children in direct provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [25452/18]

37. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the funding for a refuge (details supplied) is to be increased due to the significant increase in demand for the service in view of the fact that the funding for the counselling service was cut in the past. — Denise Mitchell. [25556/18]

38. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the actual demand for places under the early childhood care and education scheme in County Cork; the way in which deficits will be made up within individual local areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25640/18]

39. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she has contacted all persons that were wrongly registered as biological children of adoptive parents in respect of St. Patrick’s Guild, Dublin; if she has instructed Tusla to review all historical records at the institution; if all records of other non-State adoption agencies and boards were contacted to determine if other similar false registrations were carried out in full rather than just a sample of same; her plans to review State bodies in respect of their historical adoption records; if her attention has been drawn to State bodies in which situations exist that merit investigation in respect of offering adoption services and or advice on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24820/18]

40. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of the 126 persons affected by the St. Patrick’s Guild adoption scandal that have now been informed of the false registration; if her Department and Tusla have asked An Garda Síochána to bring criminal charges against those involved in the St. Patrick’s Guild false registration of births between 1946 and 1969; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24860/18]

41. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of the budget available to her Department to cater for the full extent of her Department’s responsibilities including the protection of children, the monitoring of at risk cases and the follow-up as necessary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25657/18]

42. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her Department will seek to seize records immediately in order to transfer them to a central location in which they can be fully audited and preserved in view of the scale of documents held by private adoption agencies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [25107/18]

43. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated deficit in social workers working in or assigned to County Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25320/18]

44. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is satisfied with the capacity of the ECCE sector and its ability to deliver a universal service across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [25648/18]

45. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is satisfied that the school completion programme is operating effectively. — Sean Sherlock. [25607/18]

46. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of cases of illegal registrations and or illegal adoptions that have been reported to her Department by Tusla since 2014; and the number reported by the HSE prior to 2014. — Mick Barry. [25614/18]

47. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she has taken steps to address the fact that many children in foster care are placed under a voluntary care order; and the issues arising from same. — Anne Rabbitte. [25645/18]

48. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she has taken to enact the recommendations of the Internet Content Governance Advisory Council; if additional steps will be taken to ensure the safety of children online; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [25646/18]

49. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will report on the possible inclusion of child minders in the ECCE scheme and their value as additional options for parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [25451/18]

50. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to increase substantially the maximum level of grant aid in respect of the provision of new childcare facilities in cases in which there is an identified need for additional places and in which the maximum level of grant aid under the present scheme would be inadequate to support a community childcare organisation to provide accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25641/18]

51. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the affordable childcare scheme is on target to launch in September 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25639/18]

52. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the supports being provided to children in homeless accommodation including hubs; the studies that are taking place to evaluate the impact of homelessness on those children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24893/18]

53. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she is taking to support stay-at-home parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24818/18]

54. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the average length of time a care order placing children in care; and her views on whether care orders can be too long in duration. — Sean Sherlock. [25609/18]

55. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of progress in implementing the findings of the ESRI report on the school completion programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [25649/18]

56. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the affordable childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24819/18]

57. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the funding for a centre (details supplied) is to increase due to the significant increase in demand for the service and in view of

the fact that the funding for the counselling service was cut in the past. — Kathleen Funchion. [24824/18]

58. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the implementation of the affordable childcare scheme; when she expects it to be fully functioning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [25560/18]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*59. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons on the live register at the close of business on 8 June 2018, by county and individual local office; and the number of persons on the register that are classified as seasonal and casual workers entitled to receive jobseeker's allowance and benefit. — Catherine Murphy. [25801/18]

*60. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an updated status on his Department's statement of strategy. — Micheál Martin. [25655/18]

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

*61. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of the awarding of a medal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [25791/18]

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

*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Bahraini Court of Appeal has upheld the five year sentence against a person (details supplied); his views on whether the person was simply peacefully expressing their opinions online and this should not be a crime; if he will speak out against their ongoing detention and the Bahraini authorities' determination to squash the right to freedom of expression and silence peaceful criticism; and if he will discuss the case with his Bahraini counterpart and request the person's immediate release and for all charges against them to be dropped. — Seán Crowe. [25750/18]

*63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the contingency plans prepared by his Department in the event of a hard Brexit.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [25763/18]

*64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Irish citizens that travel to cities not directly served by airports here; and the number of Irish citizens travelling to the ten most popular cities not served directly by Irish airports. — Noel Rock. [25787/18]

*65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has had contact with the British Foreign Secretary following the comments by him in relation to the importance of cross-Border trade and the interdependence of business and commerce North and South; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25875/18]

*66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the recent proposals put forward by Britain to the European Commission in relation to the proposed backstop following Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25877/18]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*67. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the sugar tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25775/18]

*68. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of revenue which would have been raised had an exit tax at a rate of 1%, 2%, 3%, 4% and 5% existed as outlined by Article 5 in the EU Anti-Tax Avoidance Directive in each year since 2010 based on the market value of assets transferred from Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25776/18]

*69. To ask the Minister for Finance the value of intellectual property and non-intellectual property onshored here which would be subject to an exit tax as outlined by Article 5 in the EU Anti-Tax Avoidance Directive if these assets were transferred offshore in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25777/18]

*70. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans regarding the continuation of the income tax relief on the back to work enterprise allowance; the number that have benefitted from the scheme in the past three years; the number that are on the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [25780/18]

*71. To ask the Minister for Finance the value to date of Government bonds bought by the ECB. — John McGuinness. [25793/18]

*72. To ask the Minister for Finance the process in place to ensure that all of a company's (details supplied) claims are settled in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [25827/18]

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

*73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if matters raised in correspondence in relation to disconnecting energy supplies whilst schools are closed in the summer months will be responded to; if he will liaise with SSE and the OGP in order to re-establish this cost saving initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25754/18]

*74. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the provision of a new Garda station in Newcastle West, County Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25815/18]

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

*75. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 97 of 31 May 2018, the latest publication or forecast conducted by the skills and labour market and research unit and its apprenticeship services unit for annual targets for both craft and consortia led apprenticeships in each of the years to 2020 and over the next five years. — Billy Kelleher. [25926/18]

*76. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if matters raised in correspondence in relation to disconnecting energy supplies whilst schools are closed in the summer months will be responded to; if he will liaise with SSE and the OGP in order to re-establish this cost saving initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25753/18]

*77. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there were errors in the publication of the special needs assistant allocations to schools for the 2018/2019 school year; if all 474.97 SNA allocations announced for County Wexford on the NCSE website will be fully funded and each position filled for the 2018/2019 school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [25774/18]

*78. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeframe for the tender process relative to the completion of school bundle 5; if the subcontractors already involved in the building project and due money for their goods and services will be given automatic inclusion at the original price tendered in a future contract; if subcontractors will be paid the outstanding amount due to them to date; if all new procurement or tendering processes will include clauses to protect the payments due to sub-contractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [25781/18]

*79. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the recommendations of the National Council for Special Education in relation to supporting children with autism that remain outstanding; and the budget allocation necessary to implement these recommendations in full. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [25785/18]

*80. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will meet with and discuss the issues regarding a group (details supplied) that have requested a meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25786/18]

*81. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the allocation for the low incidence proportion of the special needs budget to schools in 2018; the number of posts delivered using this allocation; and the additional services and resources provided from it. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [25818/18]

*82. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cé mhéad bunscoil Ghaeltachta a léirigh spéis i stádas mar Scoil Ghaeltachta go dtí seo. — Peadar Tóibín. [25819/18]

*83. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a decision has been made on whether a school (details supplied) is to move to the premises previously occupied by another school; when a decision is likely to be made on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [25872/18]

*84. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of posts and the budget allocated to career guidance in the further and vocational education sector in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [25884/18]

*85. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the budget and posts allocated to access programmes in the higher education sector in 2017. — Thomas P. Broughan. [25885/18]

*86. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 80 of 22 March 2018, the status of the proposed engagement with the community and voluntary pillar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [25886/18]

*87. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 211 of 22 May 2018, if an official from his Department will be appointed to meet with the principal and chairman of the board of management of a school (details supplied) to discuss the outstanding financial issues including VAT returns and moneys still due to the developer following the school accommodation development in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25925/18]

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

*88. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when all parts of the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 will be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [25749/18]

*89. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the policy and timeframe for the resettlement of Syrian refugees; if it is policy to house family members together; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [25806/18]

*90. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of male prisoners accommodated in single cell accommodation in accordance with the recommendation of the Inspector of Prisons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [25810/18]

*91. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he is satisfied that there are adequate prison spaces for male prisoners in the prison system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [25811/18]

*92. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of additional spaces to be provided by the upcoming development at Limerick; the number of additional spaces for males provided from 2015 to 2017 and to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [25812/18]

*93. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated cost of the proposed Limerick development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [25813/18]

*94. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which new bail laws introduced in 2017 are having the desired effect with particular reference to the number of crimes committed by accused persons while on bail; the way in which the numbers of such crimes compare with the two years previous to the introduction of the new restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25822/18]

*95. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) can apply for an extension to their visa to allow them apply for employment under the general works permits. — Robert Troy. [25830/18]

*96. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25833/18]

*97. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application by a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25850/18]

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

*98. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a matter (details supplied) regarding work permits will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [25788/18]

*99. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on concerns raised by a person (details supplied) in correspondence with regard to EU Directive COM/2016/0593 final on copyright in the digital single market; and if she or her officials have raised these concerns at Council of Ministers level. — Niall Collins. [25837/18]

*100. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if career guidance teachers will be reinstated on the list of occupations eligible for the critical skill employment permit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [25842/18]

*101. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the 2017 recommendation of the National Competitiveness Council in relation to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2017 that the National Training Fund must have a clear mandate and objectives regarding in-company training; her further views on reorienting the expenditure profile of the fund to provide greater support to effective in-employment training programmes; and if she has had discussions in this regard with the Minister for Education and Skills. — Billy Kelleher. [25928/18]

*102. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the 2017 recommendation of the National Competitiveness Council in relation to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2017, that the Expert Group on Future Skills Needs update the forecasts to identify the high-level ICT skills demand at occupational level in the broad ICT sector and across other sectors of the economy to 2022. — Billy Kelleher. [25929/18]

*103. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the fact that Ireland is the most vulnerable nation in increased global trade conflict and protectionism ranked first out of 42 countries in a new index of globalisation (details supplied). — Billy Kelleher. [25930/18]

*104. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the fact that for the first time in 21 years the Government has given Ministers and their officials the right to decide on the funding of research projects under the New Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund as part of the National Development Plan 2018-2027. — Billy Kelleher. [25931/18]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*105. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in assessment of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [25760/18]

*106. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to appoint a mental health perinatal nurse to Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [25739/18]

*107. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with an organisation, (details supplied), the pharmaceutical industry and relevant stakeholders to ensure new medicines are available to persons with multiple sclerosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [25740/18]

*108. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have availed of the treatment abroad scheme in each of the past four years; the costs of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25741/18]

*109. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have availed of the treatment abroad scheme for the purposes of sexual reassignment surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25742/18]

*110. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has investigated or given policy consideration to the potential for exploitation associated with the provision of surrogacy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25743/18]

*111. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to grant long-term medical cards to persons suffering from lifelong spinal injuries; if proposals have been received from an organisation (details supplied) in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25752/18]

*112. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied) in Galway Regional Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25755/18]

*113. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to suspicions in relation to a product (details supplied) used in the treatment of diabetes; if it has been withdrawn; when pharmacists were informed of its withdrawal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [25756/18]

*114. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for occupational therapy for children with dyspraxia by county in each of the years 2015 to 2017 and to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [25764/18]

*115. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds available in Waterford city and county for young persons between 1 and 18 years of age with intellectual disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [25766/18]

*116. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the amount of respite care available to older persons and those with intellectual disabilities in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [25767/18]

*117. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [25768/18]

*118. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an appointment for a hip operation at University Hospital Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [25773/18]

*119. To ask the Minister for Health if an early date will be set for a knee operation at WRH for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [25778/18]

*120. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to include chronic obstructive pulmonary disease on the long term illness card (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [25796/18]

*121. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) in County Wexford will be examined in view of the need for an urgent medical procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [25798/18]

*122. To ask the Minister for Health the number and type of seizures and suspected adverse reactions to the HPV vaccine reported to the HPRA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [25807/18]

*123. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the HSE promotional campaign for the HPV vaccine which contains captions such as armed for life and protect our future and states that the HPV vaccine protects girls from getting cervical cancer when they are older in view of information (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [25808/18]

*124. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for cataract surgery in County Limerick; the challenges adding to the waiting time; the solutions being put forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [25814/18]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 198 of 28 March 2018, the status of the process of negotiations for the funding of the drug Translarna; the definition of a timely manner as stated in the response; if consideration will be given to engaging with the drug provider to provide information on the steps the resubmission process would involve for the drug provider; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the meeting he held with an organisation (details supplied) and the HSE occurred six months ago and that affected families are distressed by the apparent lack of progress being made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [25823/18]

*126. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of legislating to place the provision of home help hours and homecare packages for elderly citizens as per current HSE qualification criteria on a statutory footing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [25824/18]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the National Positive Ageing Strategy; the parts of this strategy that have been implemented; the parts which remain to be implemented; and the cost of implementing the remaining parts. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [25825/18]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health if an application by a person (details supplied) for an autism assistance dog will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25831/18]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health the budgetary outlay provided to fund a programme (details supplied) in Walkinstown, County Dublin; and the estimated amount that would be required to roll out the programme to each county. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [25832/18]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours and home care packages provided to elderly persons; the number of recipients that received the packages; the average price per person for provision of the packages; and the average number of hours provided to these recipients in the past five years in tabular form. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [25836/18]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied) who has been waiting a significant amount of time to have their medical card

application processed; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [25838/18]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) was not informed that their medical card was being reviewed prior to the date of expiry of the card; the further reason that they were not informed that their medical card was revoked following the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [25839/18]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health the review process for medical card holders whose cards have not expired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [25840/18]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date to replace Clifden Hospital and St. Anne's Nursing Home, both owned by the HSE, with a purpose built facility; when the new facility will be built and opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25847/18]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health when a new primary care centre will be provided in Clifden, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25848/18]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter (details supplied) regarding cardiac care in County Kerry will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25871/18]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 919 of 16 January 2018, if there is a review by PHECC to resolve the ongoing problems with non-recognised institutions or instructors of first aid training as a result of its prohibition on advertising by unrecognised and smaller providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [25878/18]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to change the law to allow persons timely and free access to their medical records in view of the fact that persons may have to make a request under data protection legislation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [25887/18]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be provided with additional home help hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25888/18]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health if additional home care hours will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [25889/18]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health the reason persons can be approved for the nursing home support scheme or fair deal in private nursing homes and the same applicants cannot be approved for respite care in the same institution (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [25890/18]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 172 and 173 of 17 May 2018, the target elimination date for hepatitis C in view of the contradictory information provided in the response which is 2030 and the statements made by the national hepatitis C treatment programme manager who gives the target date as 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25891/18]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health if a small amount of ring-fenced funding will be made available to develop a national elimination plan to work in tandem with the NHCTP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25892/18]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 172 and 173 of 17 May 2018, if funds will be made available to deliver HCV care in primary care settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25893/18]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied); and his views on the recommendations on HCV care enclosed therein. — Róisín Shortall. [25894/18]

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

*146. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if salmon farm escapes have been reported from 1 January 2018 to date. — Mick Wallace. [25748/18]

*147. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amounts, nature and dates of hazardous material or hazardous waste exported from Haulbowline Island for decontamination; and the destination of same in each of the years 2007 to 2017 and to date in 2018. — Clare Daly. [25751/18]

*148. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the injuries sustained by a dog (details supplied) at the Clonmel track on 4 May 2018; and if the dog was euthanised by a vet at the track that day. — Clare Daly. [25771/18]

*149. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the various methods used to euthanise injured greyhounds at tracks; if greyhounds with treatable injuries are euthanised; and his views on the number of greyhounds injured and killed at tracks (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [25772/18]

*150. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the case of a person (details supplied); the reason officials in his Department have not responded to correspondence on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [25799/18]

*151. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the grants that have been paid to a person (details supplied) since they commenced farming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25913/18]

*152. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an application for the young farmer scheme by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25914/18]

*153. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an application for the young farmer scheme by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25915/18]

*154. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications to the fodder transport scheme by county to date in tabular form; and the number of eligible applicants that have been paid. — Charlie McConalogue. [25916/18]

*155. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated average payment for eligible farmers in both GLAS and GLAS+; the number of farmers that are active in the GLAS and GLAS+ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [25917/18]

*156. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the location and number of full-time and part-time staff employed in each international Bord Bia office; and the cost of offices and staffing by each office on an annual basis in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [25918/18]

*157. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons in receipt of GLAS 1, 2 and 3 that have received the 85% advance payment of their 2017 payment by county in tabular form; the number of persons that have passed all payment approval checks and are awaiting their 85% portion of 2017 payment; the number of GLAS recipients that have yet to receive this portion of payment by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [25919/18]

*158. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons in receipt of the sheep welfare scheme payment that have received their 2017 balancing payment by county in tabular form; the number that have passed all payment approval checks and are awaiting on their 2017 balancing payment; the number in receipt of sheep welfare payments that have yet to receive the 2017 balancing payment by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [25920/18]

*159. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the GLAS scheme will be reopened for new participants. — Charlie McConalogue. [25921/18]

*160. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications to the 2018 scheme of investment aid for the development of the commercial horticulture sector by county to date in tabular form; and the number of eligible applicants that have been paid. — Charlie McConalogue. [25923/18]

*161. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress by Irish and European cheese manufacturers in accessing the Canadian market with respect to the 16,000 tonne general cheese quota and the 1,700 tonne industrial cheese quota CETA agreement in view of reports that artificial barriers such as non-tariff measures have been put in place to make it harder for small EU cheese producers to sell their products into this market and avail of the increased quota. — Charlie McConalogue. [25924/18]

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

*162. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeframe for the commencement of the National Broadband Plan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [25759/18]

*163. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures being introduced to reduce the level of plastic and single use plastics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [25800/18]

*164. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the deadline for the introduction of the ban on the sale of smoky coal nationwide; the means by which he will be introducing the ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25869/18]

*165. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he will take to prevent the importation by distributors and or consumers of smoky coal from Northern Ireland following the introduction of the nationwide ban on smoky coal. — Brendan Smith. [25870/18]

*166. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeframe for Inland Fisheries Ireland to ensure salmon a safe passage at a privately owned tailrace and a weir on the River Slaney at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [25912/18]

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

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a matter in relation to a valid drivers licence for a person (details supplied) will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [25762/18]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a meeting with the DAA and a group (details supplied) will be convened. — Clare Daly. [25789/18]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the review of an extension to the Western Rail Corridor has commenced; if so, the person or body carrying out the review; when the conclusions of the review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [25790/18]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the cost of running each driving test centre by location; the year each centre was established; the number of staff that operate out of each centre; if the staff are headquartered at the centre or at a different base; if so, the additional cost involved per annum; the bases from which staff have to travel to and from; the person or body that owns each such centre; the cost of purchasing same; the rent or lease cost of same; the length of time each lease or rent agreement has to run; the number of tests carried out at each centre in each of the past three years; the number of tests cancelled; the pass rate for each centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25841/18]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the location of each property owned, leased or rented by the Road Safety Authority; the purpose for which each such property is used; the number of staff working at each location; the annual cost of running, leasing or renting each property; if leased or rented, the length of time each such lease or rental agreement might run; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25846/18]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the bodies under the aegis of his Department which have yet to publish their annual report for 2017; when same will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25849/18]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which his Department responded to representations made regarding complaints of bullying at a club (details supplied) and

failures of process at club and GAA county board level in responding to these complaints; if this matter was brought to the attention of Sports Ireland by his Department. — Mick Barry. [25909/18]

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

*174. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number and locations of specialist domestic violence refuges; the location and number of specialist sexual violence services; her views on whether there is a deficit of services in these areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25744/18]

*175. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding provided to centres (details supplied) in each of the past four years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25745/18]

*176. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding provided to a centre (details supplied) in each of the past four years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25746/18]

*177. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the foster care agencies engaged by Tusla in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [25765/18]

*178. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to a case regarding an illegal birth registration (details supplied); if clarity will be given to persons affected by same; the way in which passports, inheritance rights, pensions and other legally binding documents secured by age and birth certificates will be affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [25797/18]

*179. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of instances detailed to her Department in which it was alleged that children were neglected or abused over a period of time without adequate intervention from State agencies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25859/18]

*180. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans and programmes to address issues of youth deprivation affecting young persons in socially and economically challenged urban areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25860/18]

*181. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of programmes available or likely to become available through her Department to assist teenagers in all areas but particularly densely populated areas that are deemed to be in need of support or guidance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25861/18]

*182. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she continues to liaise with the various youth groups throughout the country focusing on their need in their particular environment; the degree to which she expects to be in a position to offer support to such groups in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25862/18]

*183. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she, her Department and or bodies under her aegis continue to liaise with the various youth groups throughout County Kildare with a view to addressing issues of their concern; the degree to which she expects to be in a position to offer support to such groups in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25863/18]

*184. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the degree to which her Department has identified issues affecting children or teenagers with a view to ensuring that adequate support and advice exists and is available to young persons that may feel isolated for various reasons; the extent to which she expects ongoing progress in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25864/18]

*185. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children in residential care, foster care or other care facilities; the extent to which the numbers have fluctuated in recent years; her views on whether a specific response is warranted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25865/18]

*186. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of reports notified to her Department relating to children at risk in each of the past two years; the degree to which it has been possible to arrange adequate and early follow-up in all cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25866/18]

*187. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which her Department has received notification over the past two years of children or young adults being abused or at risk thereof in fosterage, residential or other care arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25867/18]

*188. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she has been assured that no illegal adoptions or placements of a permanent or temporary nature have taken place here in the past five years having particular regard to the need to protect against such activity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25868/18]

*189. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way in which her Department responded to representations made to it regarding complaints of systematic bullying of young persons at a club (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [25910/18]

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

*190. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will meet with a delegation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [25874/18]

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

*191. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to a jobseeker's benefit claim by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [25747/18]

*192. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the back to work enterprise allowance scheme is available to persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [25757/18]

*193. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for invalidity pension in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25758/18]

*194. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of cases referred to appeal in each of the past three years to date; the number of cases granted on appeal and refused in the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25770/18]

*195. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans regarding the continuation of the income tax relief on the back to work enterprise allowance; the number that have benefitted from the scheme in the past three years; the number that are on the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [25779/18]

*196. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for an increase in the rate of allowance for a qualified adult in respect of the State pension (contributory) in the case of persons (details supplied); if an oral hearing will be accommodated in this instance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25792/18]

*197. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons in the JobPath programme on 8 June 2018 by the number in Seetec and those in Turas Nua, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [25809/18]

*198. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the refusal to award an exceptional needs payment in the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if the matter will be urgently investigated with a view to addressing at early date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25820/18]

*199. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a reply has not issued from the Workplace Relations Commission to a person (details supplied); when a reply will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25821/18]

*200. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the processing times for the back to work enterprise allowance in Dublin 15; and if a delay exists, the measures that will be put in place for the timely processing of applications. — Ruth Coppinger. [25826/18]

*201. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the budget for the reasonable accommodation fund; and the spend and the underspend in the fund in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [25834/18]

*202. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she took in the context of GDPR to ensure her Department's transfer of personal data of persons to Seetec and Turas Nua was compliant with GDPR rules; if she has had engagement with JobPath operators on the way in which they are compliant with GDPR rules in the context of processing and storing personal data of persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [25845/18]

*203. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a carer's allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25873/18]

*204. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of young persons between 18 to 25 years of age in receipt of jobseeker's benefit and allowance and signing for credits that are in the low, medium and high prediction of exit date categories; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [25879/18]

*205. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the weekly payment to young persons 25 years of age on the €152.80 rate of jobseeker's allowance by €22.60 to €175.40 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [25880/18]

*206. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the weekly payment to young persons 18 to 24 years of age on the €107.70 rate of jobseeker's allowance by €45.15 to €152.85 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [25881/18]

*207. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of young persons that as care leavers were not subject to the reduced social welfare rates from 18 to 24 years of age but that are subject to the lower rate of €152.80 when they reach 25 years of age; the cost of extending the full adult rates to young persons of 25 years of age in this category; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [25882/18]

*208. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the future funding of the dedicated mortgage arrears service run by MABS when the current round of funding expires at the end of 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [25883/18]

*209. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if flexibility will be shown to self-employed persons that were only able to make contributions since 1988 and part-time workers in 1991 in view of her proposals whereby all workers retiring from 2020 will only get a full State pension if they made PRSI contributions for 40 years. — Billy Kelleher. [25927/18]

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

*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the level of debt at 31 December 2017 owed by each local authority by lender in each of the years 2010 to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25816/18]

*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the budget for the housing adaptation grant for persons with disabilities; the number of persons that have received the grant; and the average number of grants provided to persons over the past five years including the current spend to date for 2018, in tabular form. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [25835/18]

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

*212. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to have a cull in the population of seals (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25876/18]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 14 MEITHEAMH, 2018
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 14 JUNE, 2018**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will address the need for a new community centre for the north fringe of Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24892/18]

2. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the town and village renewal scheme; when applications from County Kildare can be submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [25293/18]

3. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the proposals his Department has in respect of Brexit; the number of staff assigned to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [25722/18]

4. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the level of applications for the 2016 and 2017 outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme; the criteria used in project selection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [25900/18]

5. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which he has identified suitable project support under the rural and community development programme affecting rural and or urban areas; the extent to which he expects to be in a position to address issues of urban and rural or isolation in the course thereof; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25851/18]

6. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the proposals his Department is working on in conjunction with the NTA and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to deliver on the improvement of roads on off-shore islands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [25724/18]

7. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to review the CLÁR areas based on the 2016 census returns; the timeline for the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [25105/18]

8. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the development of new draft guidelines for dog breeding due in quarter two of 2018 have been finalised; when they are likely to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [25116/18]

9. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the legislative changes he is considering as a result of analysing the submissions received through consultation regarding dog breeding establishment guidelines; and the steps being made to progress those changes. — Clare Daly. [25115/18]

10. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the work of the Action Plan for Rural Development specifically relating to the revitalisation of towns and villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24822/18]

11. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the financial allocations in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018 for the senior alert scheme; the take-up to date of the scheme in County Limerick since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [25828/18]

12. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the commitment contained in the Action Plan for Rural Development to rejuvenate over 600 rural and regional towns. — Pat Deering. [25804/18]

13. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding provided to counties Carlow and Kilkenny under the local improvement scheme in 2017; his plans to announce a new local improvement scheme in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [25803/18]

14. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount allocated under local improvement scheme in 2018, both nationally and in County Louth; if there will be an additional round; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [25856/18]

15. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the programmes and schemes planned to develop rural areas outside of towns and villages; the amount of expenditure he expects in these rural areas in 2018 in view of the fact that a large part of the rural population live in the rural countryside; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25026/18]

16. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the report on the community or public banking model will be published; his plans to establish an engagement or stakeholder forum to further examine the way in which such a model would be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [25902/18]

17. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the significance which the Rural Regeneration Fund will have for rural Ireland with particular reference to rural towns and villages further to the recent announcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [25784/18]

18. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when he expects to open the 2018 outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme; the amount of funding he plans to allocate towards this funding stream in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25292/18]

19. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to have further discussions with his counterparts in Northern Ireland in relation to the development of cross-Border projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25853/18]

20. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he has made contact with the permanent secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland to discuss improvement of cross-Border co-operation on issues concerning rural development and in recognition of the shared concerns which Brexit will bring to Border areas North and South. — Martin Kenny. [25906/18]

21. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding provided to a project (details supplied) in 2017; the funding that will be provided in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [25855/18]

22. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he is satisfied with the rate of capital expenditure in 2018 under the various schemes administered by his Department; if not, the steps he plans to take to address the shortfall in capital expenditure to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25025/18]

23. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the discussions his Department is having with its counterparts in Northern Ireland in relation to the development of cross-Border tourism projects that would be of particular benefit to rural communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25854/18]

24. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he has considered proposing that all legislation passing through Dáil Éireann be rural proofed by his Department (details supplied). — Martin Kenny. [25907/18]

25. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the dormant accounts action plan 2018 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25904/18]

26. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason for delays in the provision of funds to local action groups for approved projects under the Leader programme; the average waiting time taken for the provision of funding to local action groups following final approval for a project under the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [25802/18]

27. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will report on the outcome of the public banking investigation; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [25721/18]

28. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he is satisfied with the increases in the number of licences issued for dog breeding establishments in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [25844/18]

29. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the expenditure under the RAPID programme since its re-inception; the amount of this that was expended in the areas designated RAPID under the previous programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25027/18]

30. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the impact of the local improvement scheme since its reintroduction in 2017; and the way in which roads were selected at local level under the scheme. — Pat Deering. [25805/18]

31. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which he can address the stigmatisation of rural or urban communities in view of the debates that such communities are in decline that they do not have a social or economic future in the modern developing economy (details supplied); his plans to address the emerging image of rural communities and some urban communities as being places not to invest on the basis of lack of post offices, schools, Garda stations, banks, general practitioners and access to transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25852/18]

32. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of jobs created under the Action Plan for Rural Development in north west County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25896/18]

33. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of progress of the 2018 dormant accounts action plan and of ensuring the funding can be spent to achieve the objectives of the dormant accounts legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [25857/18]

34. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount allocated to the tidy towns organisation in 2017; and if he plans to repeat the contribution to it in 2018. — Tom Neville. [25829/18]

35. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme will be announced in 2018; the number projects funded in the 2017 round both nationally and in County Sligo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [25783/18]

36. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when he will provide further details of the rural regeneration and development fund which will provide new funding streams for rural towns, villages and outlying rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25322/18]

37. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he is satisfied that there is consistent enforcement of all provisions of the Control of Dogs Acts 1986 to 1992 across all jurisdictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [25843/18]

38. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the details of the rural development fund will be announced; when schemes will open for applications under the programme; the financial provision in the three year expenditure envelopes for the programme for 2018, 2019 and 2020, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25023/18]

39. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the local improvement scheme to local authorities throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24823/18]

40. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the opportunities that are available for County Kildare projects to benefit from the Project Ireland 2040 rural regeneration fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [25294/18]

41. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which his Department supports local parish and community centres in urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24891/18]

42. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the level of funding available to CLÁR projects in counties Longford and Westmeath in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [25858/18]

43. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the rural walks scheme will be reopened; the progress that has been made towards reopening the scheme; the status of the review into the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25895/18]

44. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the new schemes he plans to roll out under the CLÁR programme in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25024/18]