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

*1. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of the proposed changes to laws and regulations to deal with illegal dumping on the Curragh Plains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35676/18]

*2. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will address concerns that Ireland's participation in PESCO is undermining the triple lock guarantees protecting Irish neutrality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35722/18]

*3. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the amount spent in each of the past four years on the import and export of arms and weapons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35723/18]

*4. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to issue the 1916 Centenary Commemorative Medal to veterans of the Defence Forces in recognition of their service to the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35762/18]

*5. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 50 of 12 July 2018, if the figures provided include those on leave prior to being discharged and those that have been granted transfers to the Army. — Clare Daly. [35832/18]

*6. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if it is Defence Forces policy that all those that leave the Naval Service engage in an exit interview; if records of these interviews are collected; if so, if those records are ever reviewed to detect patterns that may be driving persons to leave; and if an audit of records of exit interviews has ever been conducted in order to ensure that proper records are being kept. — Clare Daly. [35833/18]

*7. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the responsibilities of officials in his Department with regard to disclosure of the terms and conditions of the Defence Forces spouses' and children's contributory pension schemes to serving and retired Defence Forces members and to potential beneficiaries. — Jack Chambers. [35869/18]

*8. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if associations (details supplied) will be invited to make submissions on a veterans' policy to the working groups set up by officials from his Department and from the Defence Forces to review progress in implementing the recommendations as published in the White Paper on Defence in August 2015. — Jack Chambers. [35870/18]

*9. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of his engagements with groups representing retired Defence Forces members regarding the awarding of commemorative 1916

medals; if he will reconsider the decision not to award the medals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35876/18]

*10. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of enlisted Naval Service members with discharges pending as of 1 August 2018. — Clare Daly. [35885/18]

*11. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the After Action Review for 148 Platoon recruit training and three star course and the results of same will be released; if other after action reviews have taken place into recruit and or cadet training standards since May 2016; if so, the results of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35922/18]

*12. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he is satisfied that the Defence Forces Directorate of Training Lessons Learned cell is staffed and functioning correctly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35923/18]

*13. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if there have been meetings between military authorities and his Departmental officials in relation to reducing the level of or abolishing altogether psychometric testing as an entry requirement to the Defence Forces since May 2016; if so, the number of meetings that took place; the person that initiated each of these meetings; the pretext under which the meetings took place; if minutes were taken at these meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35924/18]

*14. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if there have been meetings between military authorities and his Departmental officials with the company that provides psychometric testing to the Defence Forces; the purpose of these meetings; if minutes were taken at these meetings; the outcome of the meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35925/18]

*15. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if a decision has been made to reduce the level of or abolish altogether psychometric and or colour blindness testing as an entry requirement to the Defence Forces; the independent expert advice sought and received in this regard; if the experience of other military forces was considered as part of this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35926/18]

*16. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if a decision has been made to reduce the level of or abolish altogether psychometric and or colour blindness testing as an entry requirement to the Defence Forces; if an independent review will be undertaken to determine whether these decisions have potential negative impact on Defence Forces training standards, health and safety incidents and operational outcomes in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35927/18]

*17. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if applicants that failed psychometric testing and or colour blindness testing were subsequently admitted to the Defence Forces; if so, the number of applicants accepted by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35928/18]

*18. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the Defence Forces Ombudsman's 2016 recommendation that appropriate investigation arrangements need to be established and agreed with his Department including procedures for compliance with the production of information provisions of section 8 of the Ombudsman (Defence Forces) Act 2004 have been implemented; and if so, when it was implemented. — Clare Daly. [36104/18]

*19. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if outstanding administrative and systemic reforms recommended by the Defence Forces Ombudsman have been audited; if so, the most recent date on which they were audited; and the number and percentage of reforms the audit found were still outstanding. — Clare Daly. [36105/18]

*20. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of recommendations made by the Defence Forces Ombudsman in complaint cases which were not implemented in each of the years 2010 to 2017 and to date in 2018. — Clare Daly. [36106/18]

*21. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if recommendations made by the Defence Forces Ombudsman following its adjudication on a complaint are binding; and if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [36107/18]

*22. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the pesticide that was used by the Defence Forces at camps during overseas missions in each of the years 2008 to 2017 and to date in 2018. — Clare Daly. [36120/18]

*23. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the allowances paid to members of the Defence Forces for duties related to the Papal visit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36190/18]

*24. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of members of the Defence Forces on duty related to the Papal visit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36191/18]

*25. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 39 of 3 July 2018, if a picture (details supplied) was taken on the LÉ Niamh on 5 August 2015, in view of other images posted by the Naval Service and dated the same day which show the same details on the floor, the canopy and the particular blankets used on the ship that day. — Clare Daly. [36195/18]

*26. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to sanction the awarding of medals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36268/18]

*27. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will report on the implementation of the recommendations of the 2000 and 2015 Defence White Paper; when the balance of the recommendations will be implemented in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36372/18]

*28. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the position in his Department and the organisations under its aegis that have arrangements in place for lo-call numbers or 1800, 1850 and 1890 phone numbers for members of the public to contact his Department or organisations under its aegis; the number of these that are completely free to call to persons that use mobile phones and may incur major bills phoning such organisations; if the situation will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36396/18]

*29. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if funding has been provided for the upgrading of the apprentice hostel at Baldonnel; when works on this project will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36421/18]

*30. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 66 of 1 May 2018, when the matter being investigated will be completed; the up to date information in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36472/18]

*31. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to increase pay for the Defence Forces in Budget 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36673/18]

*32. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if Defence Forces missions are planned to Mali; if so, the number to be deployed; if Lariam has been purchased for the purposes of the deployment; if so, the quantities of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36675/18]

*33. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if there are restrictions on military leave for the week commencing 18 September 2018; the barracks and number affected; the reasons for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36676/18]

*34. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the way in which the recommended establishment figure for the Defence Forces is calculated; if it is based on population density or other considerations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36677/18]

*35. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if Mefloquine continues to be purchased under the four year framework agreement on the supply and pricing of medicines for use by the Defence Forces; when this agreement is due to expire; if the Defence Forces plan to renew the agreement; if the agreement stipulates the quantity of Mefloquine to be provided; if this quantity will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36678/18]

*36. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the level of reduction to each of the allowances in the Defence Forces since 2008; if these cuts are part of FEMPI legislation; the provision for restoration of the cuts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36679/18]

*37. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the steps he will take to address the concerns of the Defence Forces in relation to pay and conditions over deployment during the Papal visit in relation to the provision of overtime payments and safe working conditions; the number of Defence Forces staff deployed during the Papal visit; if he has met with members of the Defence Forces in relation to their concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36680/18]

*38. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of a review of pay and other issues an organisation (details supplied) was seeking to address through the conciliation process regarding the terms and conditions of members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36773/18]

*39. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of personnel serving in the Permanent Defence Forces to date; the projected enlistment by the end of 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36774/18]

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

*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland has an active status of forces agreement with the United States of America; if so, the date that this agreement was signed; and if he will provide a copy of same. — Clare Daly. [36093/18]

*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there is an international status of force agreement in place whereby crimes committed by forces of the United States of America here will not be prosecuted here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36674/18]

*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the change in the law in Israel defining the state as a Jewish one and changing the official status of the Arabic language. — Ruth Coppinger. [35449/18]

*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the cost of the contracting out of secure printing by his Department in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35533/18]

*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the current political and military situation in the Republic of Cameroon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [35664/18]

*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason when travelling using a passport for a minor it is advised to also carry a birth certificate in view of the fact that an application for a passport for a minor has parent details; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35788/18]

*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason a person (details supplied) was refused a passport. — Thomas Byrne. [35948/18]

*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps he is taking to call for an end to violence in Yemen; if he has requested the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to explain recent horrific events in Yemen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35986/18]

*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [36065/18]

*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of applications by gender received by the deadline for the recent call for rapid response corps; the number that were shortlisted by gender for interview; the number selected for appointment by gender; the number of late applications received; if late applicants were admitted; the number of unsuccessful applicants that sought a re-mark; if this resulted in a change in the situation of each; if there is an independent appeal process open under the CPSA code or otherwise for unsuccessful applicants to apply to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [36147/18]

*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which the assessors for the rapid response corps call were selected; the remuneration and expenses paid to

them; if there was a protocol in place to deal with possible conflicts of interest; if he is satisfied that they were followed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [36148/18]

*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the percentage weight allocated to languages in the competition for rapid response corps; the reason the languages sought are now more restrictive than in the past with, for example, Spanish not being sought despite this being a language of communication in many countries in which rapid response assistance may be sought; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [36149/18]

*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there were safeguards in place to ensure existing members were not unfairly favoured over talented newer applicants during the application and assessment process for the recruitment of the rapid response corps; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [36150/18]

*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason for the difference in the recruitment processes for the rapid response corps which involved interviews and the election observation roster which only involves a desk review exercise of applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [36151/18]

*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if funding is available for cultural groups to travel abroad to tour and perform; if funding is available as part of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [36159/18]

*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the practical toolkit on business and human rights for public and private entities that was promised in the National Plan on Business and Human Rights has been developed; if not, when it will be completed; and if so, if it has already been circulated to relevant public and private entities. — Seán Crowe. [36351/18]

*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he, or his officials have contacted the ESB to encourage and support awareness of effective human rights due diligence; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a commitment to encourage and support awareness of effective human rights due diligence by State owned or controlled companies formed part of The State Duty to Protect Human Rights section of the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights; and the support that has been extended to the ESB in this regard. — Seán Crowe. [36352/18]

*57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the report of the UN Independent International Fact-finding Mission on Myanmar of 27 August 2018; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the report found that Myanmar's armed forces had taken actions that amounted to the gravest crimes under international law including genocide; and his views on the report's findings and recommendation that Myanmar's senior military officials must be prosecuted for genocide and war crimes against the Rohingya and other ethnic minorities. — Seán Crowe. [36353/18]

*58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the fact that to date in 2018, 18 environmental activists have been killed in Guatemala and it is now one of the most dangerous countries in the world for environmental activists (details supplied); if the killing of these activists will be condemned; and if the issue will be raised with his Guatemalan counterpart. — Seán Crowe. [36354/18]

*59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position in his Department and the organisations under its aegis that have arrangements in place for lo-call numbers or 1800, 1850 and 1890 phone numbers for members of the public to contact his Department or organisations under its aegis; the number of these that are completely free to call to persons that use mobile phones and may incur major bills phoning such organisations; if the situation will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36400/18]

*60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied) in Saudi Arabia; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that they have been charged for organising peaceful protests and are being tried in a military tribunal and face the death penalty; if the Saudi Arabian regime's arrest and detention of this person and the other human rights activists arrested with them will be condemned; if he will request their release and the end of the death penalty in Saudi Arabia; and if he will raise the case with his Saudi Arabian counterpart. — Seán Crowe. [36407/18]

*61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn drawn to the air strike on a school bus in Yemen by the Saudi Arabia led military coalition on 9 August 2018, that killed 40 children; if his attention has been further drawn to another air strike by the Saudi Arabian led coalition on 24 August 2018, that killed 22 children; if these attacks and the Saudi Arabian led coalitions repeated targeting and killing of civilians and children will be condemned (details supplied); and if he will support requests to impose an arms embargo on Saudi Arabia until it ceases its military attacks in Yemen and abides by international law. — Seán Crowe. [36408/18]

*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the efforts being made at national, EU and international level regarding the concerns of the detention of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36487/18]

*63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views regarding human rights in Bahrain; the steps that have been taken to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36488/18]

*64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on his recent visit to Germany; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36489/18]

*65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of Brexit negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36490/18]

*66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress being made to enable passport renewals for children to be processed online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36536/18]

*67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passport applications processed by the Passport Service to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36537/18]

*68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the protocol in place for assisting families with legal costs that have lost loved ones as a result of a criminal act abroad; if he will review the policy in this regard to ensure that financial assistance is provided to allow the families' interest be represented in subsequent legal proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36654/18]

*69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of applications by gender that were received by the closing deadline to join the 2018 election observation roster; the number of late applications that were received; if they have been admitted to the selection process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36786/18]

*70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the date and reason it was decided not to proceed with the original plan to have merit-based interviews to select applicants for the 2018 election observation roster; the name, expertise and qualifications of the three assessors appointed to select the election observers; the methods that will be used to select the most meritorious applicants; if this will involve language testing in cases in which an applicant claims to have a high level of foreign language proficiency; if there are measures in place to ensure members of the 2013 roster are not unfairly favoured over newer applicants; when the assessment will be conducted; when applicants will be informed of the outcome of their applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36787/18]

*71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the background to the policy change to now provide Irish election observers to OSCE missions to the United States of America; the number of applications received for this mission by gender; the criteria and method by which applicants were selected for this mission; the name of the selected applicants; the avenues of appeal open to unsuccessful applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36788/18]

*72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the name of all members appointed to the 2013 election observation roster; the date that each was appointed or reappointed in the case of members that were on the pre-2013 roster; the date that members resigned or were removed; the number of missions completed by each member since 2013; the reason some members have been on numerous missions while others have never been on a single mission; his plans to ensure an even distribution of observation opportunities on the 2018 roster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36789/18]

*73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of election observers that have withdrawn from missions prior to departure in each of the past five years; the cost involved in each year including unused airline tickets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36790/18]

*74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of election observers that have returned prematurely from missions in each of the past five years; if they had to refund expenses paid; if not, if they were written off; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36791/18]

*75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there has been contact with the Revenue Commissioners regarding the operation of the 2013 election observation roster; if this resulted in changes, undertakings or settlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36792/18]

*76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the decision by the United States of America to cease funding to the United Nations Relations Relief and Work Agency for Palestinian Refugees; the actions he will take in view of this decision; if he has made his views regarding this decision known to the US administration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36852/18]

*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the jailing of two journalists in Myanmar; the actions being taken at EU and international level to assist and protect the Rohingya; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36853/18]

*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the situation in Venezuela; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36854/18]

*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on detention centres for migrants and refugees in Libya and supported by the EU; his views on whether such centres are fully compliant in terms of upholding the human rights of refugees and migrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36855/18]

*80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on recent efforts made to restart the executive in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36856/18]

*81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the jailing of persons (details supplied) in Myanmar for reporting on the killing of civilians in Inn Din; the steps he will take to raise this issue with the government of Myanmar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36859/18]

*82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when further talks will be held with the political parties in Northern Ireland and the Secretary of State in relation to the need to have the Northern Ireland Assembly and executive restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36870/18]

*83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the Brexit negotiations; the progress on reaching agreement on the backstop; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [36905/18]

*84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of Ireland's contingency planning in the event of a no-deal Brexit; the specific actions that have been taken since the Government announced in July 2018 that it was stepping up their preparations for a no-deal Brexit, in particular the recruitment of extra officers for ports and airports; the progress made to date in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [36906/18]

*85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has recently raised at EU level the issue of the EU establishing a fund to help and support countries and industries most exposed to Brexit; if so, the EU's views on such a fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [36907/18]

*86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the embassies worldwide which have enterprise attachés stationed; and the number of such attachés stationed in each such specific embassy by city and country. — Billy Kelleher. [36921/18]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*87. To ask the Minister for Finance if the lengthy waiting times for appeals to be heard by the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal will be investigated (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [35878/18]

*88. To ask the Minister for Finance if road hauliers will be protected from measures introduced in Budget 2019 in regard to the carbon tax; if other compensatory measures will be introduced in order to offset a rise in fuel costs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [36245/18]

*89. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason road hauliers that have had to upgrade their fleets to more environmentally friendly vehicles have not been supported in regard to the carbon tax; if consideration will be given to those that have invested heavily in economically friendly vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [36247/18]

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of housing units delivered by NAMA to date; the details of these units by scheme; the further units that will be made available by NAMA by scheme for the remainder of 2018 and 2019 as part of its target to deliver over 23,000 housing units by the end of 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36515/18]

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a tax is imposed on movement of goods, that is, cars (details supplied); when tariff free trade will be allowed; and if refunds will issue to persons that have been overcharged. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36780/18]

*92. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of visits either planned or unannounced that were attended by officers from the Revenue Commissioners in relation to immigration bureau officer visits to the 12 other public licensed aerodromes not including the three State airports and 13 private licensed aerodromes by aerodrome from 1 January 2016 to 2017 and to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36452/18]

*93. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider reintroducing tax relief on trade union subscriptions on a par with tax relief for professional bodies; the estimated cost of introducing the relief at the employee's marginal rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35422/18]

*94. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the VRT calculator calculates a different value for a vehicle that been imported than for a similar vehicle being exported. — Pat Deering. [35437/18]

*95. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to restore tax relief for union subscriptions which was removed in budget 2011 and which is common practice in many other countries; the reason tax relief on subscriptions to professional bodies has been maintained while tax relief on trade union subscriptions have not been restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [35496/18]

*96. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of the contracting out of secure printing by his Department in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35531/18]

*97. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will request a bank to issue a refusal letter to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35558/18]

*98. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners invoke section 122(3) of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 in circumstances (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [35581/18]

*99. To ask the Minister for Finance the arrangements in place for the Revenue Commissioners to collect from self-employed persons combined income tax, USC and PRSI liability through the Revenue Commissioner's self assessment system in respect of the year in which a self-employed person reaches 66 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35636/18]

*100. To ask the Minister for Finance the situation in which the Revenue Commissioners collect the combined income tax, USC and PRSI liability in respect of all tax years up to and including when a self-employed person reaches 65 years of age; the number of persons this relates to; the arrangements the Revenue Commissioners have to collect the 66th year payment; the number of persons this payment is not collected from in respect of the 66th year; the estimated loss arising from same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35637/18]

*101. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the home renovation incentive scheme for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35646/18]

*102. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of cases in which the Tax Appeals Commission has made a determination and direction to the Revenue Commissioners in respect of cases in which it has not implemented the direction in full in each of the years 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; the estimated tax liability involved in these cases in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35648/18]

*103. To ask the Minister for Finance the percentage of the total cost of the research and development tax credit which relates to expenditure incurred by businesses on items (details supplied). — Jonathan O'Brien. [35683/18]

*104. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the average rate for a new mortgage here is so high (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35684/18]

*105. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of an application by a person (details supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35714/18]

*106. To ask the Minister for Finance if a VAT and or VRT exemption on vehicles for service providers (details supplied) for persons with intellectual disabilities will be considered in view of the fact that many of the service users also have physical disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [35743/18]

*107. To ask the Minister for Finance the level of advance knowledge he had of the plans by a bank (details supplied) to sell a loanbook; if he has met and or communicated with other banks regarding the sale of loanbooks and bundled mortgages to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35750/18]

*108. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to amend the earned income tax credit for farmers and increase it from its 2018 level of €1,150 to €1,650; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35759/18]

*109. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to address income volatility among farmers and extend income averaging, greater flexibility on step out and provision of a deposit scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35760/18]

*110. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to maintain a number of taxation measures that encourage farm transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35761/18]

*111. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on making it mandatory for high earners to file a tax return; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35770/18]

*112. To ask the Minister for Finance the modelling his Department is undertaking to examine the impact of Brexit on the price of grocery goods here; the financial impact this modelling shows Brexit may have on a family's weekly shop; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [35785/18]

*113. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to introduce an exemption from capital gains tax in cases in which a person or family move into a parent or other relative's home to act as carers and then seek to sell the original home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35823/18]

*114. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties faced by and extortionate prices being quoted for young drivers seeking to access insurance to operate as a HGV driver; if he will request the data behind these quotes from an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35842/18]

*115. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that will be taken in response to the Central Bank's report on the culture in Irish banks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35888/18]

*116. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to use eventual surplus from NAMA to help resolve the housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35892/18]

*117. To ask the Minister for Finance the impact on the debt to GDP ratio of a reduction of the debt by €2, €3 and €5 billion, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35893/18]

*118. To ask the Minister for Finance if he or his Departmental officials have met with a company (details supplied); the number of times he has met with the company; the dates of those meetings; the persons from his Department that were present at those meetings; the issues discussed at each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35903/18]

*119. To ask the Minister for Finance if he or his Departmental officials have met with a company (details supplied); the number of times he has met the company; the dates of those meetings; the persons from his Department that were present at those meetings; the issues discussed at each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35904/18]

*120. To ask the Minister for Finance when excise tax (details supplied) will be reversed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35961/18]

*121. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the VAT rate for the hospitality sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35972/18]

*122. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is possible to introduce a differentiated VAT rate within a single economic sector based on profitability or other measures such as turnover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35979/18]

*123. To ask the Minister for Finance if the 9% tourism VAT rate will be retained in order to ensure the further recovery and growth of the hospitality sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36005/18]

*124. To ask the Minister for Finance if the issue of the 200 employees of a bank (details supplied) that have been excluded from its tracker mortgage examination will be raised at his meetings with the banks and financial institutions; if these borrowers can avail of staff tracker rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [36048/18]

*125. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the recent sale by banks (details supplied) and other financial institutions of performing and non-performing loans to vulture funds; if these sales will be prevented; the advice offered to affected mortgage holders that are concerned in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [36049/18]

*126. To ask the Minister for Finance the discussions taking place with partially State owned banks regarding the sale of non-performing loans to vulture funds; the criteria being used to decide on the make-up of the portfolios; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36133/18]

*127. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the inclusion of split mortgages in bank sales of non-performing loans to vulture funds; his further views on the inclusion of mortgages of families that are engaging and meeting their arrears arrangements in bank sales of non-performing loans to vulture funds; the measures he is taking to protect these owner occupier mortgages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36134/18]

*128. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has requested a report on the number of owner occupier mortgages of a bank (details supplied) that were included in a project in cases in which mortgage holders have been engaging with the bank and meeting the arrangements for repayments and arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36135/18]

*129. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of non-owner occupier mortgages that are accommodating tenants in the private rented sector that have been sold by a bank (details supplied) to a company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36136/18]

*130. To ask the Minister for Finance the level of interaction he has with the CEOs of the various partially State owned banks and the non-performing loans of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36137/18]

*131. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of non-owner occupier mortgages being sold by a bank (details supplied) that are accommodating tenants in the private rented sector and are in receipt of HAP, RS and RAS payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36138/18]

*132. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of mortgages set to be sold by a bank (details supplied) as part of a project; the number of loans that are standard, variable, fixed rate and tracker mortgages; the number in each category that are performing; the number in each category that are

adhering to the restructuring arrangement in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36145/18]

*133. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to issues raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36172/18]

*134. To ask the Minister for Finance if the case of a person (details supplied) who was an employee of ESB and received a settlement from it in 2009 will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [36184/18]

*135. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the Revenue Commissioners valued a second-hand vehicle purchased by a person (details supplied) for €4,000 at €16,719 and applied VRT of €5,979; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [36185/18]

*136. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason areas (details supplied) are being charged flood insurance premiums for parts of the area in question that have never flooded. — Sean Sherlock. [36189/18]

*137. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of VAT foregone by the Revenue Commissioners at the 9% rate for each year and to date in 2018 since the rate was introduced; the amount collected in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36196/18]

*138. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of work with the credit unions and the approved housing bodies on the establishment of a special purpose vehicle to facilitate the delivery of social housing. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36300/18]

*139. To ask the Minister for Finance the financial or other incentives that exist for the construction and delivery of commercial development. — Róisín Shortall. [36317/18]

*140. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of loans sold by a bank (details supplied) to companies that were categorised as tracker mortgage products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36324/18]

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which or the scenarios in which he may intervene in the sale of a portfolio (details supplied) to a company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36325/18]

*142. To ask the Minister for Finance the level of advance knowledge he had of the plans by a bank (details supplied) to sell a loanbook to companies; if he has met and or communicated with other banks regarding the sale of loanbooks and bundles mortgages in 2017 or to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36326/18]

*143. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the practice of banks removing persons from tracker mortgages that are in arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36331/18]

*144. To ask the Minister for Finance if an assessment of the impact of the Budget 2018 capital gains tax changes to tackle land-hoarding has been conducted; the way in which the effectiveness of these changes has been determined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36359/18]

*145. To ask the Minister for Finance the action ISIF is taking to boost the supply of affordable housing here; the definition of affordable housing it is working to in this regard; his plans to change the remit of ISIF to give it a much clearer responsibility for the supply of affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36362/18]

*146. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners request details of foreign PPS numbers for example an Australian tax number from persons that have worked abroad for the landlords tax refund of HAP payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36368/18]

*147. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the extra costs incurred by self-employed persons that have to operate the E relevant contracts tax and almost in all cases need to employ an accountant to deal with these issues whereas under the previous system many self-employed persons could operate the system on their own without the cost of having to pay accountants in most cases a minimum of €1,000 per annum out of their self-employed income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36377/18]

*148. To ask the Minister for Finance the position in his Department and the organisations under its aegis that have arrangements in place for lo-call numbers or 1800, 1850 and 1890 phone numbers for members of the public to contact his Department or organisations under its aegis; the number of these that are completely free to call to persons that use mobile phones and may incur major bills phoning such organisations; if the situation will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36399/18]

*149. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost for the recruitment of 15 additional international tax specialists at principal officer level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36419/18]

*150. To ask the Minister for Finance when section 28 of the Finance Act 2016, will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36423/18]

*151. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Revenue Commissioners customs and excise officer visits to the 12 other public licensed aerodromes not including the three State airports and the 13 private licensed aerodromes by aerodrome; the number of planned and unannounced visits from 1 January 2016 to 2017 and to date in 2018; the number of visits either planned or unannounced that were also attended by officers from An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36450/18]

*152. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Revenue Commissioners customs and excise officer visits to sea and river ports and or docks by port and or dock; the number of planned and unannounced visits from 1 January 2016 to 2017 and to date in 2018; the number of visits either planned or unannounced that were also attended by officers from An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36451/18]

*153. To ask the Minister for Finance if the 9% VAT rate for the hotel sector will be maintained in Budget 2019, which would bring Ireland in line with tourism VAT rates in other competing European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [36492/18]

*154. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the review of the local property tax announced earlier in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36539/18]

*155. To ask the Minister for Finance if the 2009 cap which applied to banks that had transferred assets to NAMA restricting their use of deferred tax assets to 50% of their corporation tax which was removed in 2014 will be reintroduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36540/18]

*156. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans for an increase in excise duty in Budget 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36547/18]

*157. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of revenue foregone each year by maintaining the 9% VAT rate for the hospitality sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36592/18]

*158. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount that would be raised annually by increasing the rate of stamp duty to 6%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36593/18]

*159. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of revenue foregone each year by maintaining the help to buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36594/18]

*160. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of revenue that would be raised annually by implementing four new tax bands by amounts (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36595/18]

*161. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans for a site value tax; the estimated revenue that might be raised by this measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36597/18]

*162. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of tax saved by financial institutions here due to their ability to use historic losses to reduce current liabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36600/18]

*163. To ask the Minister for Finance the effective corporation tax rate in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36601/18]

*164. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is possible to break down excise duty on alcohol based on final sale to the customer; the breakdown of excise duty on alcohol in each of the past three years by pubs, restaurants, hotels, off licences and grocery and supermarkets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36603/18]

*165. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that the lending limits imposed by the Central Bank on a credit union (details supplied) are fair and reasonable; if these lending limits allow this credit union operate competitively; his views on the future viability of the credit union due to the very restrictive lending limits imposed by the Central Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36615/18]

*166. To ask the Minister for Finance if he or banks here are taking direction from the ECB regarding the sale of loan and mortgage portfolios to investment companies; if his attention has been drawn to reports in the media that a bank (details supplied) is forced by law to hide losses due to the fact that it has to comply with accounting standard IAS 39; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36634/18]

*167. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the appointment of Ireland's directorship of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. — Michael McGrath. [36647/18]

*168. To ask the Minister for Finance if the 9% VAT rate for the hospitality sector will be retained in view of the negative impact which a rise in VAT rates would have for the hotel industry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36714/18]

*169. To ask the Minister for Finance the position in regard to stamp duty and tax in cases in which a parent plans to transfer the family home or part thereof to a son or daughter that has been living in the home for at least seven years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36771/18]

*170. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of regulatory changes that have been introduced since the publication by the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission of its report on personal contract plans specifically, if PCP providers will be obliged to undertake a credit assessment before issuing such products and if PCPs will fall under the Central Bank's Consumer Protection Code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36813/18]

*171. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of share options that have been issued under the Key Employee Engagement Programme; the number of employees availing of the programme; the number of companies utilising the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36814/18]

*172. To ask the Minister for Finance the breakdown of taxpayer units by single person, married persons or civil partners with one income and married persons or civil partners with two incomes for each gross income range similar to that set out in the Revenue Commissioners' ready reckoner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36815/18]

*173. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost of removing the 3% USC levy for non-PAYE income over €100,000; the number of persons it would impact; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36816/18]

*174. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost of reducing the effective tax rate on dividends to 32%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36817/18]

*175. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost of reducing the capital gains tax rate to 20%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36818/18]

*176. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost of increasing the lifetime limit on entrepreneurial relief to €15 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36819/18]

*177. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost of reducing the capital gains tax rate on the disposal of SME shares from 33% to 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36820/18]

*178. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost of reducing the capital gains tax rate on employment and investment incentive scheme qualifying investment or equivalent gains from 33% to 0%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36821/18]

*179. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost decreasing the standard rate VAT to 20%; if this is possible under European rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36822/18]

*180. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost of raising the VAT registration threshold for SMEs from €37,500 to €100,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36823/18]

*181. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to consult with the head of the Central Bank to confirm the way in which the mortgage accounts of customers that have renegotiated terms and are repaying the mortgage under these terms can be classed as non-performing; the efforts being made to ensure that customers that continue to meet their commitments are protected from the possibility of their account being sold on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [36831/18]

*182. To ask the Minister for Finance the bank and non-bank on lender of SBCI funds in 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and the monetary amount loaned to SMEs to date. — Billy Kelleher. [36914/18]

*183. To ask the Minister for Finance the lending targets the SBCI has set for lending to SMEs in 2017 and in 2018, in tabular form; and the progress to date on same. — Billy Kelleher. [36915/18]

*184. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has requested from the main pillar banks and other financial lenders the reason SME bank finance rejection rates have increased, especially among micro-sized companies as outlined in the SME market report from the Central Bank for the first quarter of 2018 (details supplied); and if he or the Central Bank has raised with such bodies the reason bank rejection rates for SME loans and or overdrafts here are more than twice the rates in comparator countries. — Billy Kelleher. [36922/18]

*185. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the costing for equalising the earned income tax credit with the PAYE credit has decreased from €42 million first year cost and €76 million full year cost to €28 million first year cost and €46 million full year cost based on the latest revenue reckoner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36928/18]

*186. To ask the Minister for Finance the analysis his Department has undertaken in respect of the United States of America Tax Cuts and Jobs Act 2017 regarding the new US legislation's provision regarding base erosion and anti abuse tax; its impact on Irish foreign direct investment from the United States and impact on the Exchequer's corporation tax receipts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36955/18]

*187. To ask the Minister for Finance the work his Department has carried out with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Central Bank regarding the establishment of a funding vehicle for credit unions to invest in social housing provision as committed to by the government under Rebuilding Ireland; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that such a funding vehicle will have to be regulated by the Central Bank and that the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government may require assistance if ensuring such a funding vehicle for social housing is compatible with CBI regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36960/18]

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to tackle overheating in the construction sector, specifically the increase in land prices and the lack of skilled workers in the construction sector;

the studies which have been carried out in respect of this, in particular land price increases in the greater Dublin area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36963/18]

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance the level of preparedness if there is to be a hard Brexit, in particular the requirement to expand the Customs and Excise Office of the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36966/18]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance the further studies and assessments his Department has carried out in relation to the impact of the UK varying its VAT rates post-Brexit, in particular in Northern Ireland; the various policy scenarios it has tested in relation to substantial changes in the UK VAT regime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36967/18]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance the further work which has been carried out in respect of the national payments strategy with the Central Bank and financial services industry, in particular the expansion of such services that can be carried out by credit unions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36971/18]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has received the Budget 2019 submission from an organisation (details supplied) in respect of the financial difficulties in the sector such as the shortfall in many residential developments sinking funds, the possible impact this may have in future years on the public purse; the relief which can be given to home owners that own apartments in such developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36974/18]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department studied the recent report by a company (details supplied) in respect of residential rent increases; the work which has been carried out in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36975/18]

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

*194. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the activity levels in different sectors of the construction industry; the extent to which the industry is active in commercial development, residential development, hotel and leisure development, student accommodation and so on; the way in which such activity and trends in the sector is monitored by or on behalf of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35429/18]

*195. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason public servants are paying slightly more in pension levy than in pension contributions; if this can be reversed; the amount collected from this levy since 2011; the way in which the revenue has been spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35526/18]

*196. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018 of all contracts awarded to private contractors via the Office of Government Procurement for secure printing across all departments and other agencies covered by the GDP. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35530/18]

*197. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 119 of 12 July 2018, stated that Lauragh Garda station, County Kerry was sold for €115,000 on 16 February 2016 when the State Property Register states that the property was sold

on that day for €50,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [35717/18]

*198. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the annual turnover a construction company needs to have in order to tender via the e-tender system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [35731/18]

*199. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the person or body responsible for cleaning debris accumulated in a river (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [35820/18]

*200. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for a building (details supplied) in County Kildare. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [35956/18]

*201. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the measures he will put in place to protect sub-contractors that are owed moneys on public work contracts but cannot get paid in view of the unprecedented number of building contractors going out of business in the recent past. — Seán Canney. [36124/18]

*202. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if public works contracts will be amended to provide better protection for sub-contractors in terms of payments. — Seán Canney. [36125/18]

*203. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the annual rental cost of buildings rented by his Department or organisations under its aegis at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36433/18]

*204. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the criteria and policy for awarding progression up a salary scale for a new entrant to the civil and public service that enters from the private sector and has relevant experience and is seeking to commence on a point higher than point one of the scale will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35556/18]

*205. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the 1% pay increase which is referenced in Parliamentary Question No. 194 of 27 February 2018 has been applied entirely to all qualifying pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35686/18]

*206. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number and percentage of SMEs’ share of above threshold public contracts in the past 10 and 20 years, respectively under EU directive supplies and service contracts valued at €134,000 or €207,000 for public sector entities outside central government. — Jonathan O’Brien. [35696/18]

*207. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number and percentage of SMEs’ share of below threshold public contracts in the past 10 and 20 years, respectively. — Jonathan O’Brien. [35697/18]

*208. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the role the OPW will undertake during the Papal visit to the Phoenix Park; the way in which security and logistics will be handled; if the OPW has contracted and or sub-contracted event planning, equipment hire and security barriers to a private company; if so, the companies engaged; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35736/18]

*209. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of pension entitlements for community employment supervisors; if further meetings of the community sector high level forum to discuss same are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35780/18]

*210. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when a monument (details supplied) in County Kerry will open to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35796/18]

*211. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of discussions with a county council (details supplied) in respect of its property at a location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35807/18]

*212. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of appeals made by spouses of deceased members of the Defence Forces since 2000 against initial rulings that the spouses concerned were ineligible for pensions under the Defence Forces spouses' and children's contributory pension schemes since the limited appeals process was introduced in 2000; the number of such appeals that were upheld; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35868/18]

*213. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a matter (details supplied) will be addressed at lands following previous works to address flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [36043/18]

*214. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a licence fee was paid to a company (details supplied) for the use of its copyrighted material in view of the fact that this material was included on a map distributed to households in Dublin without attribution being included on the map. — Clare Daly. [36144/18]

*215. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the report on the Public Service Pay Commission will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36379/18]

*216. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position in his Department and the organisations under its aegis that have arrangements in place for lo-call numbers or 1800, 1850 and 1890 phone numbers for members of the public to contact his Department or organisations under its aegis; the number of these that are completely free to call to persons that use mobile phones and may incur major bills phoning such organisations; if the situation will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36404/18]

*217. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason a pension is not being issued to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; when the pension will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36465/18]

*218. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the level of progress with channel draining in rivers in Mountmellick, County Laois; and the progress of the capital scheme for flood defences. — Brian Stanley. [36608/18]

*219. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the arrangements being made to accommodate tourist access to a historical site (details supplied) in view of the recent retirement

of the keyholder; and if the OPW will work constructively with a local tourism group in relation to same. — Thomas Byrne. [36713/18]

*220. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the list of heritage sites open to the public by the public having to borrow a key from a neighbour to the site. — Thomas Byrne. [36834/18]

*221. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the OPW's estimated attendance figures at the recent Papal mass in the Phoenix Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36862/18]

*222. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost of the recent Papal visit; the estimated economic benefit of the visit; the estimated economic impact of the significant travel restrictions imposed on Dublin city during the visit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36863/18]

*223. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of proposals for a voluntary home relocation scheme for domestic dwellings affected by flooding and unable to receive insurance cover or adequate remedial works; the number of homes due to be covered by the scheme; the amount due to be allocated; the timeframe of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36885/18]

*224. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount spent on strategic maintenance works on the River Shannon in 2017 and to date in 2018. — Eugene Murphy. [36886/18]

*225. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the trial on lowering water levels in Lough Allen undertaken by a group (details supplied); if there are legal or statutory impediments to such measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36888/18]

*226. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of meetings held by the interdepartmental flood policy co-ordination group in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36889/18]

*227. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the establishment and operation of the national flood forecasting and warning service unit; the number of staff employed in the unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36890/18]

*228. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of meetings held by the River Shannon coordination group in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36891/18]

*229. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount of funding set aside for the pilot scheme of individual home protection measures; the amount of funding drawn down; the timeframe for a decision on the future of the pilot scheme's national roll out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36892/18]

*230. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the minor works flood scheme review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36893/18]

*231. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the Office of Public Works' work on riparian rights landowners' legal obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36896/18]

*232. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the costs to the Office of Public Works of hosting the Papal visit in the Phoenix Park; if his officials have carried out an evaluation on the impact on the flora and fauna in the park, adjacent local residents and users of the park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36968/18]

*233. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost of re instating the Phoenix Park after the Papal Visit; when this will be complete; the fees that were charged to the event organisers; the contractors employed; the estimated attendance at the event; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36985/18]

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

*234. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if school transport for a person (details supplied) will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [36244/18]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the situation regarding SNAs as outlined in correspondence in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35670/18]

*236. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a selection process has commenced for the appointment of a principal of a school (details supplied); if a principal has been appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [35434/18]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a design team has been appointed for the refurbishment and extension of a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [35435/18]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the liquidation of a company (details supplied); the effect this has had on small businesses in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35450/18]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a design team will be appointed for the construction of a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [35483/18]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of contractors that expressed an interest in tendering for the completion of a campus (details supplied) by the closing date of 23 July 2018; if it is still his plan to invite actual tenders for the contract on 4 September 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [35484/18]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the preferred contractor for a school (details supplied) has responded to the letter of intent issued on 29 June 2018; if the letter of acceptance has issued; when construction will commence on the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [35485/18]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has received the pre-qualification report from the design team in relation to a school (details supplied); when the preferred tenderer will be chosen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [35486/18]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has received the pre-qualification report from the design team in relation to a school (details supplied); when a preferred tenderer will be chosen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [35487/18]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a decision has been made on an application by a school (details supplied) to become co-educational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [35488/18]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the required clarifications have been received from the vendor of the site for schools (details supplied); if satisfactory, if a design team will be appointed for both projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [35489/18]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason there is no specific special education teacher category to register under the Teaching Council. — Kathleen Funchion. [35544/18]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a level 8 in Montessori from a college (details supplied) is recognised by the Teaching Council as a qualification to register as a special educational needs teacher under the category of Montessori and other but a level 8 in early years teaching and learning from Maynooth University and level 9 qualifications from both DCU and UCD specific to this category are not. — Kathleen Funchion. [35545/18]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the Teaching Council last reviewed the policies concerning the criteria that deems a person suitable to be a special education teacher. — Kathleen Funchion. [35546/18]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a college (details supplied) no longer take masters applicants working as special needs assistants unless they are willing to take a career break; the reasoning behind this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [35547/18]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the capital funding opportunities available for educational institutions such as a centre (details supplied); and if none, if the possibility for putting in place a capital funding stream for such educational institutions in which the institution prepares students for either junior certificate and or leaving certificate level exams will be examined. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35567/18]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the procedure in place for a family that is unable to find a second-level place in their area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35612/18]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he will take to increase access to NEPS psychologists for schools in Newbridge, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35614/18]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the additional spend in 2017 on the 79 schools added to the DEIS programme when compared with expenditure on the same schools in 2016. — Kathleen Funchion. [35618/18]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of english as an additional language teaching posts that exist; and the number in 2008, 2010 and 2012, respectively. — Kathleen Funchion. [35619/18]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated spend on books by schools participating in the school book rental scheme at primary and post-primary level. — Kathleen Funchion. [35620/18]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application and appeal by a school (details supplied) for a specialised ASD portacabin to house its new ASD unit from September 2018 until the new unit is built will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35629/18]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an appeal by a school (details supplied) will be upheld with regard to the refusal of an emergency works application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35640/18]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35657/18]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the decline in Irish university ratings in international rankings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35704/18]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the action being taken to avoid non-teachers being hired to correct State examinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35705/18]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the case of a person (details supplied) with regard to the July provision will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35771/18]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to reduce the pupil teacher ratio; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35777/18]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the current and planned investment in mental health counselling at third-level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35778/18]

*264. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person (details supplied) is not eligible for a bus ticket to attend college in County Cavan in view of the fact that their two older siblings are eligible for same. — Niamh Smyth. [35797/18]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if school secretaries and bus drivers are paid their wages during the summer holidays; if not, if they have to sign for jobseeker's benefit during school holidays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35806/18]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the current level of special needs assistants at a school (details supplied) will be retained; and if he will engage with the NCSE in this regard. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35809/18]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a special needs assistant will be appointed on a specific basis to assist a person (details supplied) when the term commences at a school; and if the appeal which has been lodged will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [35825/18]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address the issue of two super sized classes at a school (details supplied); if he will engage with the school to resolve this issue as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [35826/18]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the current and planned investment in mental health counselling at second-level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35831/18]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department has on file details of a lease agreement in respect of a primary school (details supplied); if so, if these details can be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [35843/18]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of pupils attending fee-paying schools; and the figure for primary and post-primary schools. — Pearse Doherty. [35851/18]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the subsidies granted to fee-paying schools in each of the past three years by school in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35852/18]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to amend the rule by which medical card holders can only access free travel to school if they attend the closest school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35872/18]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which students that undertake extra subjects for their junior certificate outside of their registered school will be assessed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [35897/18]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 6811 of 13 February 2018, if he will request a response from DCU in relation to its financial relationship with another university (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [35950/18]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the review on the granting of exemptions from the study of Irish will be published. — Peadar Tóibín. [35970/18]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the work being undertaken to reintroduce training and educational courses at third-level specifically in the housing and social housing sector in view of the increased need for professionals in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35992/18]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the spend on the book rental scheme; the capital and current expenditure; and the number of schools participating in each of the years 2010 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [36000/18]

*279. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated number of children at primary and second-level not benefitting from the book rental scheme. — Kathleen Funchion. [36007/18]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of schools at primary and second-level not participating in the book rental scheme. — Kathleen Funchion. [36008/18]

*281. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 297 of 12 June 2018, the way in which the figure of €2.3 million was arrived at; and the details of its component parts. — Peadar Tóibín. [36029/18]

*282. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if changes will be made to the school transport scheme to allow for alterations or extensions to bus routes for concessionary ticket holders; if his attention has been drawn to the significant difficulty caused for families by this clause in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [36044/18]

*283. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the development of a new secondary school under the patronage of an organisation (details supplied) for Castleknock and Carpenterstown, Dublin 15; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [36051/18]

*284. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school building project (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36061/18]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application for additional permanent accommodation by a school (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36062/18]

*286. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to expand and increase the levels of capital funding available to further education centres such as ETBs through existing funding streams and programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36063/18]

*287. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which opportunities will be created for the expansion of Irish-medium education outside the Gaeltacht in the context of the establishment of 42 new schools as part of a new patronage process. — Peadar Tóibín. [36068/18]

*288. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when inspectors will be assigned to support the implementation of the policy on Gaeltacht education in Gaeltacht schools; and the number of inspectors that will be assigned to same. — Peadar Tóibín. [36073/18]

*289. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of registered apprentices by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [36085/18]

*290. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cathain a chuirfear curaclaim idirdhealaithe T1 agus T2 ar fáil sa tsraith shinsearach. — Peadar Tóibín. [36087/18]

*291. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details of the agreement entered into between his Department and the management of a former school (details supplied) at the time of the closure of the school in 1967; the agreement's position on the school's amalgamation with

another school; the agreement's position on the transportation of school children from one area to the latter school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36091/18]

*292. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for emergency funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36121/18]

*293. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; the options available to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36170/18]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a development at a school (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36179/18]

*295. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a development at a school (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36180/18]

*296. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a development at a school (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36181/18]

*297. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if education and training boards or other employers are entitled to demand that new employees attend two weeks of induction before school term commences and before the individual contracts are dated to commence. — Thomas Byrne. [36198/18]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; his views on the Teaching Council's response to same; the actions that can be taken to assist the person on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36204/18]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the State Examinations Commission has moved away from the bell curve structure of results in the three science subjects at leaving certificate level (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36206/18]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a full review of the school bus transport scheme will be carried out, in particular in relation to concessionary bus tickets in order that more seats can be made available in pressure point areas (details supplied). — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36223/18]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to a situation in which a retired teacher receiving a pension can only be paid on the first point of the lecturer's payscale in view of the fact they are considered a retired public servant regardless of the number of years teaching experience or qualifications they may have; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [36232/18]

*302. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the policy that informs the practices of a school, similar to bullying policies policy, when a student is sexually assaulted by another student. — Kathleen Funchion. [36249/18]

*303. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress 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 the Castletroy / Monaleen area of County Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [36271/18]

*304. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a 2016 circular (details supplied) has been updated; if this document has been withdrawn; if so, the reason therefor; if a subsequent circular has been issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36290/18]

*305. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an extra school bus will be made available to accommodate children (details supplied) attending a school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36327/18]

*306. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if changes (details supplied) to the SUSI grant will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36335/18]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an increase in the provision of more student accomodation (details supplied) will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36337/18]

*308. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna céard atá sé chun a dhéanamh lena chinntiú go bhfuil soláthar múinteoirí le Gaeilge ar fáil chun ábhair a mhúineadh trí Ghaeilge sna meánscoileanna ar na hoileáin; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36340/18]

*309. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cén uair a chuirfear an t-athbhreithniú, a fógraíodh tamall de bhlianta ó shin, ar an scéim díolúine ón nGaeilge sna meánscoileanna, i gcrích; cén uair a fhógrófar torthaí an athbhreithnithe; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36342/18]

*310. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) will be retrospectively considered for the DARE programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36350/18]

*311. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the action he has taken to identify and address skill shortages in the construction sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36360/18]

*312. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the funding options open to schools in circumstances in which refurbishment or upgrade works are required that are outside the minor works grant scheme and not large enough to come under the capital works scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [36385/18]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in his Department and the organisations under its aegis that have arrangements in place for lo-call numbers or 1800, 1850 and 1890 phone numbers for members of the public to contact his Department or organisations under its aegis; the number of these that are completely free to call to persons that use mobile phones and may incur major bills phoning such organisations; if the situation will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36397/18]

*314. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of new places provided for primary education in the Donaghmede area over the past three years; the number of additional spaces planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36418/18]

*315. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the annual rental cost of buildings rented by his Department or organisations under its aegis at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36432/18]

*316. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his relationship with a service (details supplied); if the service reports to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36461/18]

*317. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of in-service training events for the State religious education programme run by a service (details supplied) for teachers in 2016, which involved Roman Catholic diocesan advisers or other similar members of other faith groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36462/18]

*318. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the capacity in which members of religious faith groups attend in-service training events run by a service (details supplied). — Ruth Coppinger. [36463/18]

*319. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the remit under which a service (details supplied) attends religious faith formation training related events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36464/18]

*320. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of pupils that underwent direct assessment of the referrals for individual casework undertaken by NEPS psychologists in each of the academic years 2012/13, 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maria Bailey. [36466/18]

*321. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of schemes for commissioning psychological assessments completed for the academic year 2017 /2018 for which certification of completion of assessment forms have been submitted by school principals between 6 September 2016 and 30 September 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maria Bailey. [36467/18]

*322. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of schools that have provided evidence of adopting the principles of cost effective practice in relation to section 3 of Circular 0032/2017; if these schools have received rewards for same; the detail of such rewards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [36475/18]

*323. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide extra back-to-school support and grants for children in direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [36476/18]

*324. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that that nine school children attending a school (details supplied) in County Donegal have no concessionary seats on their school bus for the forthcoming term; if his attention has been further drawn to the difficulties this has caused the affected families; and if the matter will be addressed in order to find a solution. — Pearse Doherty. [36485/18]

*325. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school extension (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36503/18]

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*329. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school extension (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36507/18]

*330. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school extension (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36508/18]

*331. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the Teacher Supply Steering Group last met; the recommendations and actions proposed by the group that should be immediately implemented to improve the situation that many schools experienced in 2017 in obtaining substitute teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36526/18]

*332. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress made to date in releasing his Department's interest in a building (details supplied) which is to be acquired and used as a community facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36527/18]

*333. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress being made on the commitment in the Programme for Partnership Government to introduce a new school speech and language therapy service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36528/18]

*334. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the development of a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36543/18]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the County Wexford schools with a teaching principal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36545/18]

*336. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the delay in implementing breastfeeding breaks for teachers as agreed upon by the Teachers Conciliation Council at its meeting of 8 May 2018; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that it was agreed that breastfeeding breaks would be extended until 104 weeks after the birth of the child and that such breaks would be covered under the supervision and substitution scheme; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that under Circular 31/06 employees of the Civil Service have been entitled to breastfeeding breaks since 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [36561/18]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the allowance for breastfeeding breaks for children up to two years of age will be increased in view of recent teaching union motions; the position regarding this conditional leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36580/18]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the full year cost of funding schools in order to allow them to abolish the voluntary contribution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36588/18]

*339. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the full year cost of abolishing apprenticeship fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36589/18]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the full year cost of reversing all cuts to back to education funding since 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36590/18]

*341. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding is available to support two ASD units in two primary schools in Mountmellick, County Laois in which there are a number of children in need of the service. — Brian Stanley. [36607/18]

*342. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if home school liaison officers will be reintroduced in schools, in particular in schools for children with special needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [36609/18]

*343. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the case of pupils at a school (detail supplied) will be reviewed; the reason they have not received a place on the bus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36635/18]

*344. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the acquisition of a site for a new school (details supplied) at Domacomper campus, Lucan Road; if planning applications will be submitted to facilitate all three schools at the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [36637/18]

*345. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the tendering process has been completed and a contractor appointed to complete school buildings (details supplied); if the proposed Gaelcholáiste will be accommodated on the same site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [36638/18]

*346. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the expenditure of the national training fund levy in grants to industry; and the amount that goes towards the funding of access to safepass courses for workers. — Sean Sherlock. [36645/18]

*347. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the new prefab classroom will be put in place for a school (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [36650/18]

*348. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the building projects at a school (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [36667/18]

*349. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the building projects at a school (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [36668/18]

*350. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the building projects at a school (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [36669/18]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the planned permanent location of a school (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [36670/18]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the building projects at a school (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [36671/18]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to give consideration to extend the July education programme into August in order to maximise the support to young persons with disabilities and to provide additional respite for their carers; if the scheme can be made applicable to SNAs and or teachers with specialist knowledge on the relevant disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36681/18]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person whose parents are Irish citizens and that has been living and attending school here since they were six years of age but whose own passport is from outside the EU, qualifies for EU fees for higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [36687/18]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the situation in a location (details supplied) regarding the ongoing uncertainty in relation to the school bus ticket lottery; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that it appears no first years have received transport for the 2018/2019 school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [36688/18]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the case of a person (details supplied) who did not receive a place in their local school will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [36689/18]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress being made in providing an extension to a school (details supplied) which is now to be delivered in one phase; the likely timeframe for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [36724/18]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if teachers' work experience can be considered from the date of their application in view of the delays being experienced by those awaiting teacher registration numbers. — Kathleen Funchion. [36737/18]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) can commence their determination of work experience from the date of their application in view of the particular circumstances in the case. — Kathleen Funchion. [36738/18]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application by the board of management of a school (details supplied) will be facilitated in view of the dilapidated condition of the existing temporary classroom. — Kathleen Funchion. [36739/18]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the negotiations to secure a site for a school campus (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [36740/18]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for the construction of additional permanent accommodation to replace the dilapidated

condition of the prefabricated accommodation on site and for an additional prefabricated classroom for students with ASD. — Kathleen Funchion. [36741/18]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for additional accommodation for woodwork classes. — Kathleen Funchion. [36742/18]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of applications by a school (details supplied) for the extension of its technology room and the provision of a physical education hall. — Kathleen Funchion. [36743/18]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for the replacement of old prefabricated accommodation. — Kathleen Funchion. [36744/18]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for the drafting of a brief formulation report that will allow a design team to design and oversee the project of extending the existing school and refurbishing and reassigning usage of the existing school buildings and rooms. — Kathleen Funchion. [36745/18]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for the refurbishment of the existing school building to be included on the Capital Investment In Schools Programme 2016-2021 and its application for the provision of six general classrooms and a canteen and general practitioner area at the school. — Kathleen Funchion. [36746/18]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of applications by a school (details supplied) for two new base classrooms and the refurbishment of its existing metalwork room and construction of another. — Kathleen Funchion. [36747/18]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for additional classroom space and ASD accommodation. — Kathleen Funchion. [36748/18]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for additional classroom accommodation. — Kathleen Funchion. [36749/18]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a mechanism will be put in place in order to fast-track the completion of the constructions works at schools (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36759/18]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if additional funding will be committed to in order to enable the necessary construction completion works at schools (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36760/18]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reasoning for the catchment area for the village of Tinahely, County Wicklow in relation to the allocation of schools (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [36766/18]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the next stage will be introduced for each secondary school in County Wicklow on the school building programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [36768/18]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures being introduced to assist up to 44 teaching school principals in County Wicklow further to their request to seek one day administrative leave with support provided as recommended by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [36769/18]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the schools which have benefitted from the reduction in the pupil teacher ratio from September 2018. — Thomas Byrne. [36801/18]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if schools that are entitled to an extra teacher under the revised pupil teacher ratio have refused the offer of a teacher; if so, the schools that this applies to; and the reasons for this. — Thomas Byrne. [36802/18]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to make it compulsory that first aid be a basic requirement in all national schools and secondary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36811/18]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when funds will be released to allow the progression of school building works which have already been approved at a school (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [36835/18]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [36845/18]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applications for special needs transport to schools outstanding and not processed as of 31 August 2018. — Thomas Byrne. [36846/18]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that children in Ashbourne, County Meath are unable to secure school places; his plans to provide further school places in Ashbourne; and the outcome of his officials' discussions with the local school principals. — Thomas Byrne. [36849/18]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the outstanding moneys owed by religious bodies in respect of the 2002 indemnity agreement; the steps he is taking to ensure payment of these debts; the timeframe to which he is working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36860/18]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the outstanding moneys owed by religious bodies in respect of the 2009 redress agreement; the steps he is taking to ensure payment of these debts; the timeframe to which he is working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36861/18]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the need for a secondary school in Duleek, County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [36865/18]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding a new primary school for Dunshaughlin, County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [36866/18]

*387. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding an extension to a school (details supplied) and the tender and construction project in relation to same. — Thomas Byrne. [36867/18]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department will continue to participate in the OECD's learning environments evaluation programme. — Thomas Byrne. [36899/18]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children that have passed the age of six as at 1 June 2018 and that have special needs that are awaiting for a primary school place. — Thomas Byrne. [36900/18]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the proposed new school development for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36902/18]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the review SOLAS was to commission on pathways to participation in apprenticeship including participation of persons with a disability; his plans for developing apprenticeship opportunities for persons with disabilities; and when this will be completed. — Billy Kelleher. [36916/18]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the engagement his Department has had with the insurance industry regarding the provision of public liability insurance for primary and secondary schools in respect of accidents in sport and play yards; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some schools now ban pupils from running during play and the detrimental effect this has on children's exercise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36956/18]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the policy requirement in relation to a number of issues (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36964/18]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to extend enhanced capitation services to children in second-level as is the case at primary level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36965/18]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the dealings he has had with religious orders that made agreement with the State in respect of the provision of funds or property set aside for compensation for children that were in their care; the amount committed; the amount owed by each religious order in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36970/18]

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

*396. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will clarify the matter of the right of residence for US citizens married to British citizens here after Brexit; and his plans to legislate for the issue if needed. — Róisín Shortall. [35647/18]

*397. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason the medical records of a person (details supplied) will not be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36307/18]

*398. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if changes to the vetting criteria will be considered for private bus providers in contract with Bus Éireann to provide school transport services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [36334/18]

*399. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress made towards meeting Ireland's responsibilities and obligations under Article 33 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities that specifically concern designating one or more focal points within Government for matters relating to the implementation of the present Convention (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [36582/18]

*400. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount provided to each reception and integration centre, by centre and region in each of the years 2011 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [36653/18]

*401. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on a change to the EU's migration policy following a report from the UNHCR (details supplied) which has reported an increased proportion of persons dying at sea among those attempting to enter the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36796/18]

*402. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if there has been a change in the criteria for Columbian and Venezuelan nationals applying for visas to study here for the year 2018/2019; the existing criteria for Columbian and Venezuelan students to successfully apply for a visa; the number of such applications; the requirements they must satisfy in terms of proving they will return to their home country when they complete their studies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36958/18]

*403. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for asylum here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35425/18]

*404. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if relevant responses setting out the residency history of a person (details supplied) here have been received and examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35433/18]

*405. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda stations open in the Louth Garda division in each year since 2009; and the name of each. — Imelda Munster. [35440/18]

*406. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda stations in the Louth Garda division that had access to broadband in each year since 2009. — Imelda Munster. [35441/18]

*407. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda stations in the Louth Garda division that had access to high-speed broadband in each year since 2009. — Imelda Munster. [35442/18]

*408. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda stations open in the Meath Garda division in each year since 2009; and the name of each. — Imelda Munster. [35443/18]

*409. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda stations in the Meath Garda division that had access to broadband in each year since 2009. — Imelda Munster. [35444/18]

*410. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda stations in the Meath Garda division that had access to high-speed broadband in each year since 2009. — Imelda Munster. [35445/18]

*411. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the capital investment being made in Garda resources in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35463/18]

*412. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the process by which the Secretary General was appointed to his Department; if the position was advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [35465/18]

*413. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda stations open in the Cork north and west Garda division in each year since 2009; and the name of each. — Pat Buckley. [35473/18]

*414. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda stations in the Cork north and west Garda division that had access to broadband in each year since 2009. — Pat Buckley. [35474/18]

*415. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda stations in the Cork north and west Garda division that had access to high-speed broadband in each year since 2009. — Pat Buckley. [35475/18]

*416. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on whether the legislation affecting probate law needs to be reviewed, strengthened or otherwise reformed in view of the experience of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35492/18]

*417. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda stations in County Wexford that have no internet access; the locations of same; the proposed timeline to address this dearth of access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35497/18]

*418. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 260 of 19 June 2018, when a reply will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35506/18]

*419. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if all requested documentation in respect of an application by a person (details supplied) has now been received; if further documentation is outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35508/18]

*420. 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. [35523/18]

*421. 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. [35524/18]

*422. 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. [35525/18]

*423. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an extended stamp 1 or 4 or right to work will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35528/18]

*424. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application for residency in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35529/18]

*425. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding legislating for equal shared parenting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35549/18]

*426. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if all required documentation in respect of an application for a stamp 4 visa has now been received in the relevant section of his Department in the case of a person (details supplied); if there is further documentation outstanding in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35553/18]

*427. 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 will be brought to a conclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35565/18]

*428. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when an update of stamp 4 can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35571/18]

*429. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a relevant visa or travel document will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35572/18]

*430. 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. [35574/18]

*431. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application for residency pursuant to section 3(6) of the Immigration Act 1999 (as amended) in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35575/18]

*432. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application pursuant to section 49 of the International Protection Act 2015 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35576/18]

*433. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency status of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35577/18]

*434. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the actions being taken to resolve the dispute in relation to whether it is An Garda Síochána or local authorities that control the data from community CCTV schemes in view of the fact that it is preventing a number of community alert groups from drawing down grant aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [35586/18]

*435. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when stamp 4 status will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35587/18]

*436. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the correct procedure to be followed in order to facilitate the mother and sister of a person (details supplied) to stay with them here on a long-term basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35589/18]

*437. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35591/18]

*438. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed by a person (details supplied) whose stamp 4 expires on 25 October 2018 and who wishes to have it extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35594/18]

*439. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 289 of 12 July 2018, if the relevant section has processed a letter of application regarding the circumstances of the husband of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35595/18]

*440. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a review of the case of a person (details supplied) will be undertaken; the address to which notice in relation to same was sent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35599/18]

*441. 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. [35600/18]

*442. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 809 of 24 July 2018, the figures for the total for each prison and place of detention on the day of the Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners in January 2018 and on the day of the Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners in April 2018, in tabular form. — Clare Daly. [35630/18]

*443. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 297 of 10 July 2018, if he will correct the inaccuracy contained in the reply thereto (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [35650/18]

*444. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 673 of 24 July 2018, the reason the figures for prisoners sleeping on the floor in Cloverhill Prison between April and June 2018 provided in the reply were substantially different and substantially higher than the figures originally provided in response to Parliamentary Question No. 287 of 10 July 2018. — Clare Daly. [35651/18]

*445. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 673 of 24 July 2018, if seven prisoners slept on the floor of Cloverhill Prison on the night of 17 July 2018 and not zero prisoners as stated in the response to the question. — Clare Daly. [35652/18]

*446. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to the fact that the the figures for prisoners sleeping on the floor in Cloverhill Prison between April and June 2018 provided in reply to Parliamentary Question No. 673 of 24 July 2018 were substantially different and substantially higher than the figures originally provided in response to Parliamentary Question No. 287 of 10

July 2018, his views on that fact; and if he will investigate whether the first response was sent in error or with the intention to mislead. — Clare Daly. [35653/18]

*447. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of applications by persons (details supplied) to be appointed as Peace Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [35654/18]

*448. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a refugee programme for those fleeing the conflict in the Republic of Cameroon will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [35663/18]

*449. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of join family visa applications in the embassy in India; if additional resources will be assigned to assist in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [35665/18]

*450. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the emergency reception and orientation centre based in Monasterevin, County Kildare is no longer being used as an EROC centre; the reason it is no longer being used; and the locations to which persons living in the centre have moved. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [35672/18]

*451. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of emergency reception and orientation centres here. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [35673/18]

*452. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 229 of 12 July 2018, if his Department gave sanction for such a process of destruction of records in the prison at that time (details supplied). — Sean Fleming. [35689/18]

*453. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a scheme for the delivery of CCTV cameras at junctions of motorways will be established. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [35703/18]

*454. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the new Garda station in Clonmel will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35724/18]

*455. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the costs associated with operating the Garda safety camera contract; the receipts it has generated in each of the past six years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35725/18]

*456. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount due to An Garda Síochána for providing policing services during the Papal visit; the organisations that will pay for the services provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35735/18]

*457. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of a review of an application by a person (details supplied); the reason the application was refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35745/18]

*458. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 920 of 12 June and 267 of 26 June 2018, if the information requested from the Garda Commissioner will be forwarded to this Deputy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35802/18]

*459. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of a spousal visa application by a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [35819/18]

*460. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if Part IV section 27 of the Succession Act 1965 will be reviewed to determine whether it requires amendment; if he is satisfied with the operation of this Part of the Act; his views on whether the administration of estates should be carried out by an independent agency to give greater transparency and accountability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [35824/18]

*461. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of tattoo and body piercing businesses that have been reported to An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2008 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in relation to injuries sustained by persons availing of services in these businesses. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35841/18]

*462. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to increased concern in relation to bicycle thefts in Dublin; the action he will take to deal with this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [35854/18]

*463. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will review the decision in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35857/18]

*464. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a family has recently been reunified to a homeless situation; his views on whether this practice is appropriate; and the steps that can be taken to ensure that this practice does not continue. — Robert Troy. [35895/18]

*465. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of full-time equivalent staff attached to the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau in each of the years 1996 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35940/18]

*466. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the cost of the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau in each of the years 2007 to 2017 by categories (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35941/18]

*467. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the cost of the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau in each of the years 2007 to 2017 by pay and non-pay in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35942/18]

*468. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of staff in the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau by position in each of the years 2007 to 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35951/18]

*469. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of staff in the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau by job title in each of the years 2007 to 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35952/18]

*470. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of forensic accountants, accountants, lawyers and gardaí in the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau in each of the years 2007 to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35953/18]

*471. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding changing the Irish language requirement for entry to An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35968/18]

*472. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the situation in relation to Garda stations that are manned on reduced hours per day or per week; if there is a structure in place in relation to same (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35977/18]

*473. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the average time for decisions in respect of applications for visas lodged with the visa office in Delhi; the reason for the delay in processing these applications; the reason adequate staff resources have not been made available to deal with increased demand for these visas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36003/18]

*474. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36010/18]

*475. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons living in Northern Ireland that have been successful in obtaining Irish naturalisation in each of the past five years in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [36012/18]

*476. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the additional supplementary evidence or material required from those living in Northern Ireland that wish to apply for naturalisation. — Mary Lou McDonald. [36013/18]

*477. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons that have been granted naturalisation in each of the past five years. — Mary Lou McDonald. [36014/18]

*478. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he is considering legislative measures to amend section 30 of the Data Protection Act 2018 in order to retain the spirit of the section and to address the concerns of the European Commission and the Attorney General; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [36098/18]

*479. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 167 of 28 June 2018, if the assault of a person (details supplied) has been further investigated; if charges are pending in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36126/18]

*480. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date with respect to a work permit in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36131/18]

*481. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if Garda vetting applications by persons (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36156/18]

*482. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason for the delay for a person (details supplied) who is awaiting police vetting from England; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [36177/18]

*483. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the measures in place to deal with and to curb anti-social behaviour on the rail networks including Iarnród Éireann and Luas; his plans to introduce additional measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [36218/18]

*484. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the breakdown of figures of crimes and reported anti-social behaviour on each rail line in each of the years 2015 to 2017 and to date in 2018. — Imelda Munster. [36219/18]

*485. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the number of permanent doctors allocated to the Midlands Prison for day shifts dropped from two to one between 2012 and 2013 and has not been increased in the intervening years despite the fact that the population of the prison has grown from 616 in 2012 to 830 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [36220/18]

*486. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the number of permanent doctors allocated to the Midlands Prison for night shifts dropped from two to one between 2012 and 2013 and has not been increased in the intervening years despite the fact that the population of the prison has grown from 616 in 2012 to 830 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [36221/18]

*487. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the recommendation in a report commissioned by the Irish Prison Service (details supplied) that there should be one doctor for every 250 inmates has been implemented; and if not, the reason therefor. — Clare Daly. [36222/18]

*488. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if there are sufficient members on the Criminal Injuries Board to enable the Board to conduct its business in a reasonable timeframe in view of the fact that many cases before the Board relate to injuries which occurred up to and more than ten years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36226/18]

*489. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of cases before the Criminal Injuries Board; the number of cases that were received in each of the past five years; the number of cases completed in each of the past five years; the timeframe to deal with current cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36227/18]

*490. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a death certificate in the case of a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36230/18]

*491. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of members of An Garda Síochána that are in armed units such as the emergency support unit and other such units at present; the number in such units in 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36343/18]

*492. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on whether the fees associated with naturalisation applications are prohibiting persons from applying; if the fees associated with such applications are being reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [36345/18]

*493. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the refurbishment works of Tralee Courthouse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [36374/18]

*494. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position in his Department and the organisations under its aegis that have arrangements in place for lo-call numbers or 1800, 1850 and 1890 phone numbers for members of the public to contact his Department or organisations under its aegis; the number of these that are completely free to call to persons that use mobile phones and may incur major bills phoning such organisations; if the situation will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36403/18]

*495. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated full year cost of recruiting seven extra forensic accountants for the Garda national economic crime bureau; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36420/18]

*496. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the annual rental cost of buildings rented by his Department or organisations under its aegis at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36435/18]

*497. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of immigration bureau officer visits to the 12 other public licensed aerodromes not including the three State airports and 13 private licensed aerodromes by aerodrome; the number of planned and unannounced visits from 1 January 2016 to 2017 and to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36452/18]

*498. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda vehicles both marked and unmarked that are under 3, 3 to 5, 5 to 8, 8 to 10 and over 10 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36532/18]

*499. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons that have been charged with public order offences in the first six months of 2018; the number charged for same in 2016 and 2017 by each divisional unit in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36533/18]

*500. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the operation of the free legal aid scheme was last reviewed; his plans to review its operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36534/18]

*501. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 420 of 21 April 2015 and 151 of 31 May 2016, if the findings of the pilot scheme (details supplied) will be published; when cell share risk assessments will be implemented in all prisons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [36541/18]

*502. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of new Garda recruits assigned to each Garda division since recruitment resumed in Templemore in 2014, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36556/18]

*503. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí located in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36558/18]

*504. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of inspectors in the Cavan-Monaghan Garda division in each of the years 2011 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36559/18]

*505. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in the Cavan-Monaghan Garda Division in each of the years 2011 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; the locations in which they are stationed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36560/18]

*506. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if residency can be reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); the steps they must take in order to be compliant with registration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36631/18]

*507. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency status of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36632/18]

*508. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the fact there is no Garda inspector in the Ballymun area; if this appointment will be made as a matter of urgency in view of high levels of criminal activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36778/18]

*509. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he expects the construction of a car park at a Garda station (details supplied) to proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [36798/18]

*510. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the overspend of An Garda Síochána primarily due to overtime and related costs; the steps he is taking to address this issue; his plans to ensure that such steps do not impact frontline services. — Róisín Shortall. [36864/18]

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

*511. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of an application for a permit by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35606/18]

*512. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of inspections carried out by the Health and Safety Authority in tattoo and body piercing businesses in each of the years 2008 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35840/18]

*513. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her Department has conducted an analysis of the likely impact of technological automation on future employment opportunities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [36438/18]

*514. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the investigations and preparations her Department is undertaking to support businesses and the export sector in the event of the sterling euro exchange rate reaching parity in the event of a hard Brexit; if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of retailers regarding the further weakening of sterling; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36961/18]

*515. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA visits to counties Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary, Waterford and Wexford, respectively from January to June 2018 inclusive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [35412/18]

*516. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a person (details supplied) has permission to work via a work permit; if they will be awarded permission in their own right or as a dependent on their parent's permission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35527/18]

*517. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of a work permit for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35550/18]

*518. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the measures she plans to take in response to the findings of the Personal Injuries Commission that personal injuries awards here are multiples of similar awards in the UK; the action she will take to reduce car and vehicle insurance premiums; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35628/18]

*519. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if assistance for the development of an aerator (details supplied) will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35693/18]

*520. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to improve supports available to small and medium-sized businesses run by Irish persons based abroad that wish to move their operations back here. — Clare Daly. [35793/18]

*521. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to address barriers (details supplied) to small and medium-sized businesses run by Irish persons based abroad that wish to move their operations back here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [35794/18]

*522. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the fact that there is no regulation of tattoo and body piercing businesses here; her plans to introduce regulation to ensure these businesses meet minimum standards and basic training standards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35838/18]

*523. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of complaints made to the Health and Safety Authority relating to tattoo and body piercing businesses in each of the years 2008 to 2017 and to date in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35839/18]

*524. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn to a case (details supplied); and her plans to investigate whether the company's actions are in breach of the law. — Clare Daly. [35853/18]

*525. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of companies supported by the IDA by country of origin in tabular form; her views on whether there is an over-reliance on any one country; the measures she is taking to reduce this over-reliance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35898/18]

*526. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of convictions and prosecutions obtained by the Health and Safety Authority in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35911/18]

*527. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number and amount of fines imposed by the Health and Safety Authority in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35912/18]

*528. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of inspections carried out by health and safety inspectors in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; the number of these that were unannounced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35913/18]

*529. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of inspections carried out by WRC inspectors in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; the number of these that were unannounced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35914/18]

*530. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of convictions and prosecutions obtained by the Workplace Relations Commission in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35915/18]

*531. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number and amount of fines imposed by the Workplace Relations Commission in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35916/18]

*532. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of full-time equivalent staff attached to the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement in each of the years 1996 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35943/18]

*533. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the cost of the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement in each of the years 2007 to 2017 by categories (details supplied) in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35944/18]

*534. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the cost of the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement in each of the years 2007 to 2017, by pay and non-pay in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35945/18]

*535. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of staff by position in the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement in each of the years 2007 to 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35946/18]

*536. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of staff by job title in the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement in each of the years 2007 to 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35947/18]

*537. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the vacant IDA Ireland sites by county; the IDA sites being used by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36047/18]

*538. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if consideration is being given to extending employment permits to construction workers and drivers in the construction sector from outside the EU/EEA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [36100/18]

*539. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of businesses that have availed of the Brexit scorecard to date; the estimated spend in 2018 and 2019 for the measure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [36309/18]

*540. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of businesses that have availed of the be prepared grant to date; the estimated spend in 2018 and 2019 for the grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [36310/18]

*541. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of businesses that have availed of the market discovery fund to date; the estimated spend in 2018 and 2019, for the market discovery fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [36311/18]

*542. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of businesses that have availed of the Brexit loan scheme to date; the estimated spend in 2018 and 2019, for the Brexit loan scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [36312/18]

*543. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of businesses that have availed of the Brexit start planning vouchers to date; the estimated spend in 2018 and 2019, for the Brexit start planning vouchers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [36313/18]

*544. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the position in her Department and the organisations under its aegis that have arrangements in place for lo-call numbers or 1800, 1850 and 1890 phone numbers for members of the public to contact her Department or organisations under its aegis; the number of these that are completely free to call to persons that use mobile phones and may incur major bills phoning such organisations; if the situation will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36392/18]

*545. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if Enterprise Ireland has filled all 39 additional Brexit related staff posts; if not, when the remaining posts will be filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36425/18]

*546. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the budget allocation for Enterprise Ireland since its establishment up to 2018; the number of domestic staff employed by Enterprise Ireland; the number of Enterprise Ireland staff based abroad in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [36486/18]

*547. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has finalised its report on the operation of the household waste collection market; if the report will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36538/18]

*548. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if funding is available to support a business (details supplied); the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36550/18]

*549. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if consideration is being given to adding chiropractors to the list of highly skilled eligible occupations (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36627/18]

*550. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of prosecutions initiated, convictions, director disqualifications and director restrictions secured, respectively by the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [36636/18]

*551. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to develop and promote public lands at a location (details supplied) as a suitable location for inward investment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36730/18]

*552. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of staff recruited in Enterprise Ireland, LEOs, InterTradeIreland and the IDA since the Brexit referendum in June 2016; the number of new staff hires and replacement staff in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [36911/18]

*553. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA site visits in each county in quarter 1 and 2 of 2018, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [36912/18]

*554. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the figures regarding the Brexit SME loan scheme launched in 2018 by category (details supplied) in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [36913/18]

*555. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the supports for SMEs by her Department and agencies under her remit such as LEOs to help small business through training and supports to transition to the PAYE and PRSI payroll reporting requirements from January 2019; and if she has submitted a submission to the Revenue Commissioners or the Department of Finance in this regard to provide support to SMEs. — Billy Kelleher. [36917/18]

*556. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of applicants and participants in Brexit schemes (details supplied) by county; and the amount allocated and expended to each such scheme in each year since being established. — Billy Kelleher. [36918/18]

*557. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the labour force participation rates and in particular the female labour force participation rate in comparison with other EU countries and the EU average. — Billy Kelleher. [36920/18]

*558. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the advertising and promotion expenditure to date including television, radio, newspapers and online for the InterTradeIreland Brexit grant scheme and Enterprise Ireland's Brexit prepared grant scheme. — Billy Kelleher. [36924/18]

*559. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on correspondence (details supplied). — Billy Kelleher. [36925/18]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*560. To ask the Minister for Health the number of contracts for market research worth more than €10,000 awarded by the Department of Health in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; the value of each contract; the steps taken to ensure that small and medium enterprises were encouraged to apply for the contracts; the number of tenders in each case; the name of the successful company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [35536/18]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address issues in relation to the fair deal scheme for farmers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35757/18]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will receive additional funding to allocate to those section 39 organisations that have pay restoration obligations as indicated in the HSE report submitted on 11 June 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36090/18]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health if correspondence from a person (details supplied) has been received and examined; and if a response has been issued. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36282/18]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements being made for the provision of education in the Gaeltacht for a child (details supplied) with severe speech and language difficulties that would include speech and language therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36344/18]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health if proposals to provide additional funding for persons with dementia will be considered in Budget 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36480/18]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not been fully treated at a hospital; if a complaint submitted to the hospital manager will receive a response as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [35413/18]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a medical card issued to a person (details supplied) was withdrawn five weeks after being issued; and if the card will be renewed until the error or issues are resolved. — John McGuinness. [35414/18]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties being experienced by a person (details supplied) who has two adult children with disabilities and has never been able to access respite care for them at the same time; and his plans to address this anomaly. — Seán Crowe. [35421/18]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the National Men's Health Policy 2008-2013; if a similar policy approach exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35426/18]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health if concerns that the majority of recorded suicides here relate to male suicide will be addressed; if the reason for same has been investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35427/18]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 408, 409 and 410 of 11 July 2018, the way in which persons may access their full medical files and medical history in the context of GDPR; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35428/18]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health if the planned invitation of tenders for the new endoscopy unit and other services at Naas General Hospital, County Kildare can be brought forward to autumn 2018, in order that the project can commence construction in early 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [35436/18]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the health (transport support) Bill. — Joan Collins. [35438/18]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list in a hospital (details supplied) for orthognathic joint maxillofacial surgery; the number waiting longer than the time specified; the plans being put in place to address this waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35459/18]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health the status of surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35462/18]

*576. 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. [35464/18]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for an organisation (details supplied) will be examined in view of the underspend of dormant accounts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35467/18]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assisted living facilities in operation by county and CHO; the number of beds available in each county; the occupancy level as a percentage; if there are additional facilities planned; if so, the location of these facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [35470/18]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for assisted living facilities for those diagnosed with dementia and or Alzheimer's; the number of applications granted; the number of applications by persons that have not been diagnosed with dementia and or Alzheimer's; and the number of applications granted in each of the years 2016 and 2017 and to date in 2018. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [35471/18]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reduce the prescription charge further; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35476/18]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hip operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35477/18]

*582. 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. [35478/18]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which persons can access their deceased spouse's full medical files and medical history; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35480/18]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE will not facilitate the deduction of union subscriptions at source for the growing number of ambulance service personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35481/18]

*585. 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. [35491/18]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 190 of 28 June 2018, if the HSE can provide evidence that all employees, both in acting positions and not successful

in the first round of the Haddington Road Agreement, that their attention was drawn to circular 17/2013 and the appeals process when it was released; and if so, if he will furnish the evidence. — Clare Daly. [35493/18]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for an angiogram for a person (details supplied) will be scheduled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [35495/18]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to formally designate, define and regulate the title of assistant psychologists in a similar manner to physiotherapists, counsellors and psychotherapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35501/18]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent psychiatrists in each LHO; the number recommended under A Vision for Change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35503/18]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health the homecare or other supports available to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [35504/18]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 380 and 381 of 19 June 2018, when a reply will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35507/18]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no specific budget for orphan drugs as committed to in the drugs and rare disease policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [35512/18]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the agreed timeframe of 1 June 2018 has not been adhered to following an agreement on revised contracts for HSE homecarers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [35513/18]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health when the health (transport support) Bill will be initiated. — Joan Collins. [35516/18]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health if a return to 24/7 nursing cover on Bere Island to ensure the future sustainability of the island community will be authorised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35517/18]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE and a union's (details supplied) briefing sessions have not taken place in counties Cork, Kerry, Kildare and western areas of County Wicklow in respect of home carers revised hours; the areas in which briefings have taken place; the reason some staff have not been advised of their contracted hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [35518/18]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35519/18]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health the number of contracts for market research worth more than €10,000 awarded by his Department in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; the value of each contract; the number of tenders in each case; the name of the successful company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [35535/18]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health if a root cause analysis was carried out by University Hospital Limerick into the death of a person (details supplied) who died in 2017 of sepsis. — Clare Daly. [35537/18]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health if University Hospital Limerick has carried an audit of its sepsis survival rates and mortality rates to establish if early detection and survival rates of sepsis are in line with best practice. — Clare Daly. [35538/18]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health if the family of a person (details supplied) was notified that CPE was detected prior to their death; and if CPE was recorded on their death certificate. — Clare Daly. [35539/18]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health if, following the death of a person (details supplied) in University Hospital Limerick in early 2017, an alert was issued to persons with cystic fibrosis attending the hospital as to the dangers of CPE for persons with this condition; and if the HSE or his Department have carried out a risk assessment regarding the risk to other cystic fibrosis patients from the superbug CRE both in University Hospital Limerick and throughout the health service. — Clare Daly. [35540/18]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health if the coroner was ever notified that ESBL was a significant factor in the death of a neonate in the maternity unit in UHL prior to 2015. — Clare Daly. [35541/18]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the continued refusal of the HSE to facilitate payroll deductions of union subscriptions for new members of a union (details supplied); the reason for its refusal to deduct union subscriptions at source for the growing numbers of ambulance service personnel that wish to join the union and exercise their fundamental right to organise and join their union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [35551/18]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in Cork city and county on a waiting list for paediatric occupational therapy with the HSE (details supplied); the length of time they have been waiting in six monthly bands in tabular form; the expected waiting time for a child joining the waiting list as at July 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [35552/18]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [35554/18]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health if appropriate homecare can be facilitated after discharge from care in the case of the daughter of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35573/18]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health if eligibility for a medical card can be reviewed in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35584/18]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to grant a full medical card to all those over 80 years of age in view of the fact that 10% of those over 80 do not have a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35592/18]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the threshold for medical cards is not adjusted (details supplied) accordingly; his plans to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35593/18]

*611. 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. [35597/18]

*612. 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. [35598/18]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health if a date has been finalised for planned heart surgery in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35601/18]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons waiting for psychologist appointments in County Kildare; and the number of months they have been waiting. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35607/18]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons waiting for psychologist appointments in County Laois; and the number of months they have been waiting. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35608/18]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults waiting for psychologist appointments in County Kildare; and the number of months they have been waiting. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35609/18]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults waiting for psychologist appointments in County Laois; and the number of months they have been waiting. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35610/18]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health the educational background required for a counselling position with the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35613/18]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) was moved to different rooms repeatedly during a stay as an inpatient in the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin, with the consequence that they suffered a number of severe panic attacks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [35616/18]

*620. 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. [35617/18]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1420 of 24 July 2018, if the legal framework will be brought before Dáil Éireann before it is signed; and if its signature will be subject to the approval of Dáil Éireann. — Clare Daly. [35621/18]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health if contact can be made with a person (details supplied) with a view to implementing home help in respect of their mother; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35625/18]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be made for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35626/18]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health when orthodontic treatment will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35631/18]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health when heart surgery will be scheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35641/18]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding his engagement with an organisation (details supplied) and the pharmaceutical industry to ensure new medicines are made available to persons with MS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35643/18]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to address the issue of general practitioners charging medical card holders for blood tests which goes against their contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35644/18]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a surgical procedure (details supplied); his plans to introduce same here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [35649/18]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35655/18]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an organisation (details supplied) is not part of direct negotiations with his Department and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to a new general practitioner contract and the reversal of FEMPI whereas another organisation is; if the anomaly will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35661/18]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients at Letterkenny University Hospital that have been referred to other facilities to undergo dialysis in each of the years 2015 to 2017 and to date in 2018; the name of the facilities to which patients were referred in respect of these years; the reason these patients were unable to access dialysis treatment in the hospital in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35662/18]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for the long-term care of a person (details supplied); and if the application by organisations will be expedited in view of the fact that the case is urgent. — John McGuinness. [35666/18]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health the funding or support provided to community first responder groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35669/18]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health if an occupational therapy appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35670/18]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which community organisations supporting persons with mental health issues can access funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35677/18]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for HSE equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35678/18]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding hospital beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35680/18]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with type 1 and type 2 diabetes that have completed a structured patient education programme at the end of June 2018 or the latest date available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [35681/18]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have been contacted in relation to being on a HSE waiting list; and the number that have been removed from the waiting list for not returning correspondence. — Bríd Smith. [35682/18]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35685/18]

*641. 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. [35690/18]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35692/18]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health if changes to the market access system will be reviewed for new drugs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35695/18]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health the status of long-term funding for a placement for a person (details supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35698/18]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for school aged disability teams by age group and local health area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35699/18]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (detail supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35702/18]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a placement for a person (details supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35711/18]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35712/18]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35713/18]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in the opening of the Dungarvan primary care centre; the cost overruns that have been incurred as a result of the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35715/18]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1445 of 24 July 2018, the definition of timely fashion with regard to the submission of a reimbursement application; the timeline for the application to be processed; if the process can be fast tracked in view of the fact it is a second time application; if his attention has been drawn to the urgent nature of the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35721/18]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the National Advisory Committee on Bioethics to initiate a review on the topic of conscientious objection within healthcare settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35727/18]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the remuneration made available to members of the National Advisory Committee on Bioethics in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35728/18]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on legal and or mediation fees relating to court or legal challenges involving the CervicalCheck cancer screening programme in each of the past four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35729/18]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health if an application submitted by a company (details supplied) will be prioritised to ensure the availability of the drug Translarna; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35730/18]

*656. 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. [35733/18]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the suspension of screening services for breast and ovarian cancer at St. James's Hospital, Dublin 8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35734/18]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels at the department of psychiatry, Letterkenny University Hospital; the details of the positions and vacancies at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35737/18]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patient referrals made to the department of psychiatry at Letterkenny University Hospital in each of the years 2015 to 2017 and to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35738/18]

*660. 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. [35739/18]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health if a timeline will be provided for the consideration of an application for the drug Translarna by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35740/18]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health if a ban on the use of mesh for prolapse and urinary incontinence will be considered in view of the severe difficulties this has caused many women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [35741/18]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed new diabetic unit for Sligo University Hospital; and when capital funding will be sanctioned for building work to commence. — Louise O'Reilly. [35742/18]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a hospital appointment. — Barry Cowen. [35744/18]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to proposals by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35747/18]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a company (details supplied) charging monthly fees to the HSE for use of medical equipment that it failed to collect from a patient; if his attention has been further drawn to similar practices regarding medical units no longer in use that remain uncollected by private suppliers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [35748/18]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 482 of 12 July 2018, the length of time it takes the HSE to conduct a timely review with regard to the relevant statutory framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35749/18]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [35752/18]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment in the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin. — Barry Cowen. [35753/18]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to invest in personal assistant services that will dramatically change the lives of persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35764/18]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35766/18]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health the status of pay restoration for HSE staff aligned with disability organisations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35768/18]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and referred to the HSE to offer an appointment. — Niamh Smyth. [35769/18]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); if the appointment will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35774/18]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the new mental health unit in Naas Hospital; and the timescale on the project. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35775/18]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35776/18]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline on the proposed introduction of changes to the fair deal legislation to assist farmers and small business owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35779/18]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the reason he is of the view that an investigation into State accountability for the drug Sodium Valporate is not required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35781/18]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); if the appointment will be scheduled urgently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35782/18]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if a local placement in Castleblayney within the care pathway can be ensured for this person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35783/18]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [35787/18]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons infected with CRE in Tallaght University Hospital in 2018, that have died as a result of acquiring same. — Clare Daly. [35789/18]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1675 of 24 July 2018, the number of days in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018, MRI scanners were out of operation at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [35790/18]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35791/18]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health the reason psychological services have been removed from a child (details supplied) who is linked in with CAMHS in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35792/18]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health if a series of matters raised by a group (details supplied) in relation to the care and management of type 1 diabetes in County Kerry will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35795/18]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35799/18]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a dental appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35800/18]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health the name of the person leading the consultation into the services at the Midland Regional Hospital, Portlaoise; the terms of reference of the consultation process; when persons will be contacted in relation to same; the timeframe for the consultation process to be completed; when a report will be presented to him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35801/18]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health if additional resources will be allocated to the NDT in order to facilitate services for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35808/18]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to make the FreeStyle Libre device available under the long-term illness scheme; and if so, when. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35810/18]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health when a request to transfer from rheumatology services at Manorhamilton to those at Letterkenny University Hospital in respect of a person (details supplied) will be acknowledged and responded to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35818/18]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the plans for the new maternity hospital at St. James's Hospital, Dublin 8; if a planning application has been lodged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35822/18]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the new endoscopy unit in Naas Hospital. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35827/18]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health when he envisages the new endoscopy unit in Naas opening. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35828/18]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35829/18]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that there is no regulation of tattoo and body piercing businesses here; his plans to introduce legislation to protect the health of users of these services; the reason for the delay in publishing guidelines for this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35834/18]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health the number of complaints received by his Department and the HSE relating to tattoo and body piercing in each of the years 2008 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35835/18]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health the number of complaints received by environmental health officers relating to infectious diseases or injuries originating from tattoo and body piercing businesses in each of the years 2008 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35836/18]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inspections carried out by environmental health officers in tattoo and body piercing businesses in each of the years 2008 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35837/18]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35844/18]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment in UHK for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35845/18]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on services for CAMHS by county for more than 6, 9, 12, 24 and 36 months, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35846/18]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to the HSE of maintaining existing levels of service in mental health services for 2019; if funds will be allocated to address gaps in existing levels of service for mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35847/18]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health the number of child and adolescent services without seven over seven mental health supports; the locations of these services; the number of staff and resources required to provide seven over seven mental health supports; his plans to implement these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35848/18]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult services without seven over seven mental health supports; the locations involved; the number of staff recruited to provide seven over seven mental health supports since 17 May 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35849/18]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health the number of sections planned for the general scheme of the Bill to review the Mental Health Act 2001; the number of sections that have been drafted to date; the expected date his Department will send the general scheme of the Bill to the Mental Health Commission for review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35850/18]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that the medical facilities for the removal of transvaginal mesh are put in place here including the appointment of surgeons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [35855/18]

*709. 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. [35856/18]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health if additional weekend home help hours will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35859/18]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to remove a disincentive in the fair deal scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [35861/18]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the emergence of a link between pandemrix and narcolepsy in children that were administered the swine flu vaccination; when his attention was first drawn to the fact that the issue was a matter of concern; the steps he has taken to address those concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35862/18]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify his plans to offer abortion services to residents of Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35863/18]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of counterfeit medication estimated to be in circulation here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35864/18]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the level of ambulance cover in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35865/18]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health if investment has been made by the health service in CRISPR gene editing technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35866/18]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment for orthodontic treatment. — Barry Cowen. [35877/18]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health the process of the dissemination and circulation of recommendations from internal and external reviews of maternity services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35879/18]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health if each recommendation of each internal and external review of maternity services is circulated and disseminated to hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35880/18]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health if recommendations of internal and external reviews of maternity services have not been circulated or disseminated to hospitals; if so, the reason these were not circulated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35881/18]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which recommendations of internal and external reviews are transitioned to learning notices in hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35882/18]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health the person in the HSE responsible for a social media account (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [35883/18]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address matters with regard to trainee nursing positions in hospitals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35886/18]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; the status of the appointment; the position of the person on the waiting list at the Dublin Dental University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35894/18]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health when a homecare package will issue to a person (details supplied); the waiting time for homecare packages in County Kildare to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35896/18]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health if it is planned to revise the consent section of the E112 form (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [35901/18]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment at UHL; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35917/18]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health the expected waiting time for results for women that have cervical smear tests carried out under the CervicalCheck programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [35918/18]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health the capital and annual operational cost of establishing five new publicly owned dementia specific units with a capacity of 20 places for dementia patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [35919/18]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of extending the nursing home support scheme to all dementia sufferers requiring long-stay care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [35920/18]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of increasing the nursing home support scheme maximum agreed prices for private and voluntary nursing homes by 5% for all places in dementia specific units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [35921/18]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and when they can expect an appointment in the Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore, County Offaly. — Barry Cowen. [35929/18]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he has taken to improve drug approval times for medicines associated with the treatment of multiple sclerosis; the further actions he will take to reduce the waiting times faced by persons to access new medicines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35934/18]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on waiting lists at Letterkenny University Hospital for cataract surgery; the number waiting 3, 6, 9, 12, 15 and more than 15 months, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35935/18]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the equipment utilised by Letterkenny University Hospital's ophthalmology service; the costings and date of purchase of same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35936/18]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists working in CHO1; the number of retirements in the past 12 months; when these positions will be filled; when a post (details supplied) will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [35954/18]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health when a site (details supplied) will be sold; and if it will be considered for community use. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35955/18]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ratify the Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35957/18]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs has not been ratified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35958/18]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35962/18]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health if scoliosis patients that require surgery can avail of treatment elsewhere if they have been waiting more than 18 weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35963/18]

*742. 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. — Niamh Smyth. [35964/18]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35965/18]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35966/18]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a child (details supplied); the reason for the delay in appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35967/18]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their first appointment from the early intervention team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [35971/18]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [35973/18]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health the details of a matter in relation to the National Ambulance Service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35976/18]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health when the drug C1 Esterase Inhibitor Berinert will be made available by the HSE to persons with hereditary angioedema. — Clare Daly. [35981/18]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35982/18]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35983/18]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) is responsible for the payment of their outstanding bill from the Mater Hospital. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [35994/18]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the reason urology appointments in UHG have a waiting time of two years; the steps he will take to reduce waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36004/18]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health when a hip operation will be carried out for a person (details supplied) in County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36006/18]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health the multi-disciplinary provision to a school (details supplied) in County Cork for the completed 2017/2018 school year; the planned provision for the 2018/2019 school year; the reason for changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36011/18]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to replace the mobility allowance and the motorised transport grant scheme (details supplied) in view of the fact that it has been closed to

new applicants for over five years to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [36022/18]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health if agreement will be given to a change in the definition of temporary absence of a pharmacist from a pharmacy; the work that may be done by pharmaceutical assistants as recommended by an organisation (details supplied); his views on whether this will seriously affect the life and work prospects of existing pharmaceutical assistants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36023/18]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health the status of treatment being proposed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36027/18]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding new draft rules proposed by an organisation (details supplied); if they have been signed off on to date; the timeframe for the statutory instrument to implement these changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36030/18]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the provision of services at Monaghan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36035/18]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health the number of intensive home care packages by county and by CHO in each of the years 2015 to 2017; the number in place in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36036/18]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health the number of intensive home care packages for persons with dementia by county and by CHO in each of the years 2015 to 2017; the number in place in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36037/18]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health the number of intensive home care packages being provided by county and CHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36038/18]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care packages being provided by county and CHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36039/18]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours being provided by county and CHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36040/18]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for home help hours in County Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36041/18]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding homecare packages and other services for older persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36042/18]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for an assessment at the National Rehabilitation Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36045/18]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for funding for orthotics by a person (details supplied) will be considered. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [36052/18]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to fund the drug Spinraza which has been approved here; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are persons with spinal muscular atrophy that are experiencing financial hardship as a result of trying to cover the costs themselves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [36053/18]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health the status of proposals to redevelop a training facility (details supplied) in County Donegal for adults with intellectual disabilities; if the HSE has formally appraised and assessed an application for capital funding in respect of the project; if so, if approval for the project has been granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36056/18]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health if all documents sought by his Department in relation to revised HSE proposals concerning the retention of long-stay residential care beds at community hospitals in County Donegal have now been received; if so, if these revised plans will be sanctioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36057/18]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for funding submitted by management at Letterkenny University Hospital to reopen the hospital’s short stay ward will be approved; if so, when the facility will commence operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36058/18]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 387 of 3 October 2017, if the review carried out within CHO area1 into in-home and facility based respite care provision for children with life-limiting conditions and their families and referenced therein has now been completed; if the review’s findings will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36059/18]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with complex needs in receipt of paediatric home care packages by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36060/18]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health when equipment will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36071/18]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive an appointment at the South Infirmary Hospital, Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [36072/18]

*778. To ask the Minister for Health if all national clinical leads for the HSE national clinical programmes are free from conflict of interest by ensuring that they declare whether or not they are in receipt of pharmaceutical funding for advisory or other work. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [36078/18]

*779. To ask the Minister for Health the planned tenure of each hospital clinical director post; and if post holders have exceeded that tenure. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [36079/18]

*780. To ask the Minister for Health if an annual commissioning plan for additional hospital beds will be brought forward with regard to the national development plan and the health service capacity review. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [36080/18]

*781. To ask the Minister for Health if selective dorsal rhizotomy procedures are available under the treatment abroad fund for persons with cerebral palsy. — Micheál Martin. [36081/18]

*782. To ask the Minister for Health the supports available for persons with cerebral palsy that wish to avail of selective dorsal rhizotomy. — Micheál Martin. [36082/18]

*783. To ask the Minister for Health if the provision of a second home help to assist a person (details supplied) will be sanctioned. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [36084/18]

*784. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to correspondence from a group (details supplied); if he will meet with the group to discuss its concerns relating to the provision of abortion services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36088/18]

*785. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1592 of 24 July 2018, if the situation between the HSE and section 39 organisations has now been resolved; if the organisations will receive the requisite funding to meet pay restoration entitlements under national pay agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36089/18]

*786. To ask the Minister for Health the supports available to persons wishing to access IVF treatments; his plans to extend and increase the number and level of supports and services available to such persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36094/18]

*787. To ask the Minister for Health the status of progress with implementing the Non-Broadcast Media Advertising and Marketing of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, including Sponsorship and Retail Product Placement, Voluntary Codes of Practice; when the monitoring body will be set up to monitor the codes of practice; the timeframe for the designation of the body; the timeframe for the development of guidelines for implementation of the code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [36095/18]

*788. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the progress with the development of the new five year stroke strategy; the timeline for the development of the strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [36096/18]

*789. To ask the Minister for Health the consultations undertaken by his Department in 2017 and to date in 2018; the status of these consultations; if the results of these consultations have been published; the way in which the consultations feed into policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [36097/18]

*790. To ask the Minister for Health when the stakeholder forum on the built environment will be convened; the stakeholders and range of stakeholders that will be invited to attend and present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [36099/18]

*791. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36103/18]

*792. To ask the Minister for Health if conditions for patients (details supplied) will be improved at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36109/18]

*793. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of poor practice in relation to a person (details supplied) in a hospital will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36110/18]

*794. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Kerry that have applied under the cross-Border directive for cataract operations in the past 12 months; the number that have had payments issued to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36111/18]

*795. To ask the Minister for Health if a change to the assessment guidelines for the over 70's medical card will be considered to take into account the net rather than the gross income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [36114/18]

*796. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of the 20 week anomaly scan for all expectant mothers at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [36115/18]

*797. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied). — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36117/18]

*798. To ask the Minister for Health the progress in resolving difficulties in regard to the operation of chiropractic services in view of the agreement by all parties at a meeting of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health that qualified chiropractic practitioners should be allowed to refer patients and carry out x-rays as heretofore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36129/18]

*799. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and when a hospital appointment will be expedited. — Barry Cowen. [36142/18]

*800. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the unpublished report review of public hospital interventional care for acute coronary syndrome patients in Ireland 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [36153/18]

*801. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding provided to a service (details supplied) in each of the years 2005 to 2017 and to date in 2018. — Clare Daly. [36155/18]

*802. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cath labs in operation at St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin in each of the years 1978 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [36160/18]

*803. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36173/18]

*804. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be scheduled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36175/18]

*805. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will allocate home help hours to a person (details supplied) when needed at weekends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36176/18]

*806. To ask the Minister for Health if the need for persons that have had a serious spinal cord injury resulting in lifelong disability to receive a medical card on a needs not means basis will be investigated with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [36183/18]

*807. To ask the Minister for Health if an ophthalmology appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; the waiting times for such an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [36194/18]

*808. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 159 of 30 May 2018, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that no contact has been made with the person regarding an upcoming appointment in August 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36197/18]

*809. To ask the Minister for Health the status of each of the 20 priority actions identified in A Healthy Weight for Ireland which have been commenced within the first year; the status of each of the actions individually; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [36199/18]

*810. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment in the audiology department of the Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore, County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [36200/18]

*811. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment with a speech and language therapist at the Health Service Executive, Riverside, Tullamore, County Offaly. — Barry Cowen. [36201/18]

*812. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be made available through the HSE in order that a person (details supplied) is awarded a wheelchair that was applied for in March 2018. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36205/18]

*813. To ask the Minister for Health if the definition of medical equipment will be amended such that it encompasses cooling equipment in circumstances in which an applicant for provision of medical equipment by the HSE suffers with hypohidrotic ectodermal dysplasia in view of the fact that at present the HSE will reject such applications such as in a case (details supplied), despite the fact that cooling equipment is essential medical equipment for such persons. — Clare Daly. [36208/18]

*814. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36209/18]

*815. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Huntington's disease is not included on the LTI scheme; if this condition will be added to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36210/18]

*816. To ask the Minister for Health when an audiology appointment date will be issued to a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in issuing the appointment in view of the fact that several referrals have been made in this case; if further medical conditions will be taken into account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36215/18]

*817. To ask the Minister for Health when an audiology appointment date will be issued to a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in issuing the appointment in view of the fact that several referrals have been made in this case; if further medical conditions will be taken into account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36216/18]

*818. To ask the Minister for Health if the directive issued by his Department in 2004, stating the guidelines for the dispensing of prescribed medication for the LTI and Hi-Tech PCRS schemes will be altered in order to allow persons that are working abroad for a set period to be furnished with prescriptions for periods of longer than three months as is currently the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36228/18]

*819. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [36231/18]

*820. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cath labs operational in acute hospitals here in each of the years 2010 to 2017 and to date in 2018, by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [36237/18]

*821. To ask the Minister for Health if the number of cath labs operational here has changed since 2015; the hospitals that have secured an additional lab since 2015; his plans to increase the number of labs in hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [36238/18]

*822. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cardiac procedures carried out in all acute hospitals here including angiography, PCI, permanent pacemaker and implantable defibrillator in each of the years 2013 to 2017 and to date in 2018, by hospital; the number of labs operational in each hospital; the number of procedures carried out in each lab in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [36239/18]

*823. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cath labs operational at St. Vincent's University Hospital in each of the years 2010 to 2017 and to date in 2018; the number of procedures carried out in each lab by year and procedure in tabular form; his plans to increase lab activity at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [36240/18]

*824. To ask the Minister for Health the make-up of a basic grade cath lab C-arm unit; the way in which this differs from a fully functioning cath lab carrying the full range of angiography, PCI and installation of pacemakers and so on; the number of such labs operational here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [36241/18]

*825. To ask the Minister for Health if the repeated cancellation of surgery for a person (details supplied) will be investigated; and if the surgery will be rescheduled. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36243/18]

*826. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no statistics on non-Irish duty paid and illicit tobacco products were included in the Tobacco Free Ireland report released in July 2018; if his attention has been drawn to the reason this information was omitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [36250/18]

*827. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36251/18]

*828. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36262/18]

*829. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) who is on a waiting list for pain management at University College Hospital Galway and also on a waiting list for a procedure at Galway University Hospital will be prioritised in view of the unique circumstances of their diagnosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36267/18]

*830. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36272/18]

*831. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36287/18]

*832. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a homecare package for a person (details supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36288/18]

*833. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved child psychiatrist posts; the number recommended under A Vision for Change; the number vacant; the location of such vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36291/18]

*834. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Wexford awaiting orthodontic treatment; the number of those waiting more than twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36292/18]

*835. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will issue regarding a medical card application by a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36294/18]

*836. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the cross-Border directive specifically in respect to the United Kingdom in the event of a no-deal Brexit; if he is making provisions for such a scenario; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36303/18]

*837. To ask the Minister for Health the status of appointments to be scheduled under the cross-Border directive for March 2019 and beyond; if those appointments will be honoured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36304/18]

*838. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to halt the cross-Border directive in view of the uncertainty surrounding the situation post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36305/18]

*839. To ask the Minister for Health when the 2017 review of the 2012 report Past Present and Way Forward (details supplied) will be published. — Louise O'Reilly. [36306/18]

*840. To ask the Minister for Health if the addition of asthma to the list of conditions covered by the long term illness scheme has been considered in view of the significant medical costs incurred by families and children that have the condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [36308/18]

*841. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in Dublin 7 will secure an appointment for knee surgery at Cappagh Hospital. — Mary Lou McDonald. [36315/18]

*842. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter (details supplied) regarding charges for a procedure will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [36323/18]

*843. To ask the Minister for Health if additional resources will be made available for residential provision for full-time care in County Kerry in view of the fact that there are a number of emergency cases awaiting beds in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [36328/18]

*844. To ask the Minister for Health if a series of matters in relation to mental health services (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36336/18]

*845. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the extension and refurbishment works at Kanturk and Millstreet Community Hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [36338/18]

*846. To ask the Minister for Health if the position of HSE home help has been changed to community home care assistants; when this commenced; the payments which should be paid to persons in a region (details supplied); the retrospective payments that were due; if all such retrospective payments have been made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36347/18]

*847. To ask the Minister for Health when Parts 2 and 3, section 20-23 of the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015, will be commenced and resources provided to ensure these sections are fully operational on the ground; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36348/18]

*848. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for a psychology assessment in Nenagh, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [36356/18]

*849. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36357/18]

*850. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36365/18]

*851. To ask the Minister for Health when respite care will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36371/18]

*852. To ask the Minister for Health when approval will be given to a person (details supplied) to attend a specialist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36375/18]

*853. To ask the Minister for Health when funds will be available for a person (details supplied) to receive a mobility scooter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36376/18]

*854. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hours of respite care provided at a facility (details supplied) in County Donegal each week to date in 2018; the number of service users these

hours were delivered to for each of these weeks in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36380/18]

*855. To ask the Minister for Health the position in his Department and the organisations under its aegis that have arrangements in place for lo-call numbers or 1800, 1850 and 1890 phone numbers for members of the public to contact his Department or organisations under its aegis; the number of these that are completely free to call to persons that use mobile phones and may incur major bills phoning such organisations; if the situation will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36401/18]

*856. To ask the Minister for Health the budget per CHO area for emergency respite bed applications for 2017 and 2018; the allocations by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [36414/18]

*857. To ask the Minister for Health if the decision to disband a service (details supplied) in County Cork will be reviewed. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [36415/18]

*858. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE staff employed in each laboratory for the analysis of biochemistry and haematology blood tests in each of the years 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36422/18]

*859. To ask the Minister for Health his views in relation to the mesh implant that many women have used for prolapsed bladder; if he is satisfied with its continued use here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36428/18]

*860. To ask the Minister for Health if an investment of €12 million will be included in Budget 2019 towards community supports for persons with dementia (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [36429/18]

*861. To ask the Minister for Health if the necessary arrangements will be made to allow a person (details supplied) to carry out full removal operations in a hospital here for a six week period in January and February 2019; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the treatment abroad scheme and the EU Cross-Border Healthcare Directive are not available to the women requiring this full removal surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [36430/18]

*862. To ask the Minister for Health the annual rental cost of buildings rented by his Department or organisations under its aegis at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36434/18]

*863. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting period for persons to be given a replacement guide dog in circumstances in which their guide dog is retired; and the procedure in such cases. — Robert Troy. [36437/18]

*864. To ask the Minister for Health the community supports for persons with dementia here; his plans to expand the support levels for persons with dementia; his further plans to meet dementia advocacy groups to discuss increases in funding in the context of Budget 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36449/18]

*865. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can move their audiology consultation to Dublin in view of the fact that no audiologist is available in their home county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [36453/18]

*866. To ask the Minister for Health if and when interviews were held by the HSE at Limerick University Hospital for the post of acting or for temporary CEO; and if the post was advertised internally within the HSE or through publicjobs.ie. — Clare Daly. [36457/18]

*867. To ask the Minister for Health if the CEO at University Hospital Limerick has retained a post within the Saolta group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [36458/18]

*868. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request an urgent and immediate review of the case file of a person (details supplied) who is a mental health patient and needs affirmative action taken in their care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [36468/18]

*869. To ask the Minister for Health when an item will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36473/18]

*870. To ask the Minister for Health if a process in the case of a person (details supplied) will be expedited by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36483/18]

*871. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the screening service for women at a high risk of developing breast cancer in St. James's Hospital, Dublin; if this service is suspended due to funding issues for new diagnostic machines; the measures in place to resolve the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [36484/18]

*872. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive braces. — Pat Deering. [36498/18]

*873. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the number of children waiting for an outpatient appointment in the three Dublin children's hospitals for more than 18 months has risen (details supplied); the actions he will take to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36518/18]

*874. To ask the Minister for Health the progress being made to date in appointing a new director general and the re-appointment of a board for the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36519/18]

*875. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases of measles reported in each of the years 2015 to 2017 and to date in 2018; the steps that have been taken to reduce and contain the spread of measles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36520/18]

*876. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE consulted with drug task forces regarding the provision of €710,000 of funding for priority projects and services in CHO areas to address drug and alcohol misuse; the projects and funding being supported under this initiative; if these projects will be supported beyond this initial funding period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36521/18]

*877. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved child psychiatrist posts in County Wexford; the number recommended for the county under A Vision for Change; the number vacant;

the location of such vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36542/18]

*878. 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. [36549/18]

*879. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the HSE's decision to cease respite services at a location (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this is the only centre providing this type of care in the town; the services taking its place; the reason this new service has been introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36552/18]

*880. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on hospital trolleys in all hospitals within the Dublin north east region including the Cavan and Monaghan Hospital Group in each month since 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36553/18]

*881. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds available in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the facilities in which they are located; the number of beds available in each; if they are full as at 31 August 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36554/18]

*882. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds available in counties Cavan and Monaghan in the past ten years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36555/18]

*883. To ask the Minister for Health when sonographers will be in place to provide the anomaly scan at Cavan General Hospital; the timeline for the scan at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36562/18]

*884. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children aged 0 to 18 years of age on waiting lists for an assessment with their local child and adolescent mental health team; the length of time they have been waiting by community healthcare organisation area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36563/18]

*885. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children aged 0 to 18 years of age on waiting lists for initial and follow-up treatment with their local child and adolescent mental health team; the length of time they have been waiting by community healthcare organisation area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36564/18]

*886. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children aged 0 to 18 years of age on waiting lists for an assessment with the primary care psychology service; the length of time they have been waiting by community healthcare organisation area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36565/18]

*887. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children aged 0 to 18 years of age on waiting lists for initial and follow-up treatment with the primary care psychology service; the length of time they have been waiting by community healthcare organisation area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36566/18]

*888. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children 0 to 18 years of age on waiting lists for a speech and language assessment; the length of time they have been waiting by HSE

community healthcare organisation area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36567/18]

*889. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children 0 to 18 years of age on waiting lists for initial and follow-up speech and language treatment; the length of time they have been waiting by HSE community healthcare organisation area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36568/18]

*890. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent speech and language therapists employed by the Health Service Executive; the number of whole-time equivalent vacancies by community healthcare organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36569/18]

*891. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children 0 to 18 years of age on waiting lists for an initial assessment of need from early intervention teams; the length of time they have been waiting by HSE community healthcare organisation area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36570/18]

*892. To ask the Minister for Health the allocation of the ten new advance nurse practitioner posts by community healthcare organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36572/18]

*893. To ask the Minister for Health the allocation of the 114 new assistant psychologist appointments by community healthcare organisation; the number that are in post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36573/18]

*894. To ask the Minister for Health the allocation of the 20 new psychologist appointments by community healthcare organisation; the number that are in post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36574/18]

*895. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant posts in whole-time equivalent terms in the CAMHS service for each CHO in tabular form. — Niamh Smyth. [36577/18]

*896. To ask the Minister for Health the progress in resolving difficulties in regard to the operation of chiropractic services and the wish expressed by all parties at a meeting of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health that qualified chiropractic practitioners should be allowed to refer patients and carry out x-rays as heretofore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36579/18]

*897. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the consultation on Portlaoise Hospital; the progress made to date; the expected completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [36611/18]

*898. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on the new building for St. Vincent's Hospital, Mountmellick, County Laois; and the expected timeline for the project. — Brian Stanley. [36612/18]

*899. To ask the Minister for Health if additional personnel and resources will be allocated in respect of the processing of medical card applications due to delays in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36616/18]

*900. To ask the Minister for Health if a review of the operation of the FreeStyle Libre reimbursement scheme for children and young adults will be arranged with a view to making FreeStyle Libre available on the long term illness scheme for adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36617/18]

*901. To ask the Minister for Health the position from the HSE estate's department on the provision a new paediatric diabetes centre which is to be developed at Sligo University Hospital; when funding for the centre will be forthcoming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [36618/18]

*902. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary question No. 1810 of 24 July 2018 and in view of the fact no response has issued from the HSE, the full year cost of reducing prescription charges to €1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36619/18]

*903. To ask the Minister for Health the full year cost of abolishing the prescription charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36620/18]

*904. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary question No. 1814 of 24 July 2018 and in view of the fact no response has issued from the HSE, the full year cost of hiring 500 new consultants. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36621/18]

*905. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary question No. 1811 of 24 July 2018 and in view of the fact that a response has not issued from the HSE, the full year cost of reducing the DPS threshold to €50, €100 and €132, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36622/18]

*906. To ask the Minister for Health the full year cost of providing universal general practitioner care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36623/18]

*907. To ask the Minister for Health the full year cost of providing universal primary care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36624/18]

*908. To ask the Minister for Health if a full audit by hospital of all transvaginal mesh implants will be arranged; if so, if the audit will include details of all known defective devices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36625/18]

*909. To ask the Minister for Health if the treatment abroad scheme will be fully available to all women that have immediate medical issues in relation to transvaginal mesh implant devices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36626/18]

*910. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will have a consultation to be assessed for a hearing aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [36630/18]

*911. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [36639/18]

*912. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be transferred to St. James's Hospital, Dublin from Letterkenny University Hospital, County Donegal for specialist treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [36640/18]

*913. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36643/18]

*914. To ask the Minister for Health the number of local health organisations that do not provide seven over seven mental healthcare for adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36646/18]

*915. To ask the Minister for Health when home help hours will be provided to a person (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [36648/18]

*916. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an assessment for a person (details supplied) for a wheelchair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36649/18]

*917. To ask the Minister for Health the reason asthma is not included under the long term illness scheme in view of the fact it is a life long illness. — Robert Troy. [36652/18]

*918. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the progress on the primary care centre for Thurles, County Tipperary; the chronology by each stage in the process since it started and to date; if there are time penalties; the measures which can be taken by the HSE in the event of the developer not progressing the project in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [36660/18]

*919. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a medical card application by a person (details supplied) was closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36663/18]

*920. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a medical card application by a person (details supplied) was closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36664/18]

*921. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce measures to award a medical card to persons that have had a spinal injury on the basis of need rather than means in view of the effect such an injury has on a person's life; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [36685/18]

*922. 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. [36686/18]

*923. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be taken to address the problems of overcrowding in the emergency department of University Hospital Limerick in view of the fact that it consistently tops the list of the most persons awaiting a bed in the country; when a decision will be made on the provision and staffing of a 60 bed modular unit to provide extra beds in the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [36717/18]

*924. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36727/18]

*925. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a secretarial position has remained vacant in the dentistry department of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin; when this position will be filled; the steps that will be taken to address the backlog of work resulting from this vacancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36728/18]

*926. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive a referral letter from the dentistry department of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin; the timeframe for their treatment under the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36729/18]

*927. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 65 of 3 May 2017, if the ecology assessment in relation to the identified site has been completed; the progress to date in relation to the provision of a new health centre for Inisbofin, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36733/18]

*928. To ask the Minister for Health if persons (details supplied) will be assessed in respect of the provision of home help. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36735/18]

*929. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the new contracts in relation to home helps are not being implemented in Tralee, County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36736/18]

*930. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to make Translarna available through the HSE for young persons needing this particular medication in view of its availability in the UK and in 22 European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36762/18]

*931. To ask the Minister for Health if the inclusion of a specific illness (details supplied) in the long term illness card scheme will be reconsidered. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36767/18]

*932. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for surgery for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [36776/18]

*933. To ask the Minister for Health if immunotherapy drugs, pembrolizumab or nivolumab, will be made available on the medical card to persons with late stage cancers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36779/18]

*934. To ask the Minister for Health if the delivery of equipment to a person (details supplied) in County Cork will be expedited. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36783/18]

*935. To ask the Minister for Health the status of funding for the proposed new renal unit for Tallaght University Hospital; his plans to ensure the funding is forthcoming in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36793/18]

*936. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support packages that have been granted in the CHO7 area dealing with south western areas of Dublin in the past year; the number of applications in this regard; the allocated budget for home support packages in the CHO7 area in the past year; the waiting time for home support packages in this area; his plans to increase funding for home support packages in the CHO7 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36794/18]

*937. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of persons waiting on trolleys in Tallaght University Hospital in July 2018 and August 2018 and the same number for July 2017 and August 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36795/18]

*938. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the operation of homecare services across all CHOs; the number of persons allocated a homecare package that are still waiting to receive the

care; if this is due to funding or lack of carers by CHO; the priority category of each applicant; the length of time they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36837/18]

*939. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure for homecare delivery in CHO area 6; the percentage of care delivered through private operators and through direct HSE employment, respectively; the rationale for which applicants receive which care; the length of time applicants are waiting for care; if this differs according to private or HSE delivery; the details of waiting lists; if there is a prioritisation process; if the waiting list is dependent on budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36838/18]

*940. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1369 of 24 July 2018, the further length of time a person (details supplied) will be waiting to receive homecare hours in view of the fact that they are priority 1 and have been waiting since March 2018 for the care allocated to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36839/18]

*941. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children across the country that are awaiting an assessment of need including an assessment for autism spectrum disorder by county or an aggregate national basis in tabular form; the number waiting for greater than six months as set out in the Disability Act 2005; the number waiting by bands (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36840/18]

*942. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children across the country that are awaiting speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy by county or an aggregate national basis, by each therapy; the waiting lists by service providers; the number waiting by bands (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36841/18]

*943. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork was placed on the waiting list for autotics; the position of the person on the waiting list; when they will be provided with the autotics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36847/18]

*944. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork was placed on the waiting list for a particular walker; the position of the person on the waiting list; when they will be provided with the equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36848/18]

*945. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to support the development of community based Parkinson's nurse specialists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [36850/18]

*946. To ask the Minister for Health if a sustainable solution has been found to restore full medical officer cover at a hospital (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36851/18]

*947. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision of a specific HSE service (details supplied) in County Cork in view of the significant importance of this service to the area. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36868/18]

*948. To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding will be allocated in respect of the home support scheme in counties Cavan and Monaghan in view of delays in putting in place such

support from the time of initial approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36871/18]

*949. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the negotiations in relation to section 39 workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [36927/18]

*950. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to proceed with special interim legislation in respect of parents with fatal foetal abnormalities as proposed by him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36969/18]

*951. To ask the Minister for Health the policy of his Department in respect of drugs policy in the event of a hard Brexit that full access will be maintained to medical supplies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36988/18]

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

*952. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to address issues in regard to supporting farm incomes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35755/18]

*953. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to address issues regarding funding for farmers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35756/18]

*954. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to provide financial supports for farmers in County Wexford that must reseed their land upon the arrival of invasive species including Japanese knotweed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36602/18]

*955. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of his plans for a voluntary farm building relocation scheme due to flooding issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36887/18]

*956. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to a live animal export episode in Cork harbour documented by a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35498/18]

*957. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an AEOS payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35520/18]

*958. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the case of a person (details supplied) with regard to a farm payment that is being penalised will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35561/18]

*959. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the enforcement of the 2015 legislation to microchip dogs that is in place; the fines and penalties that have been imposed since the legislation came into force; the reason some pounds are still not microchipping dogs three years after the legislation was enacted; and the details of the new databases in view of concerns that the new database is not approved (details supplied). — Bríd Smith. [35580/18]

*960. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of communications in relation to aquaculture licences at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35605/18]

*961. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a farm payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35691/18]

*962. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans in relation to renewing fur farming licences when they next expire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [35784/18]

*963. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address concerns that access to the fishing grounds of the porcupine prawn off the west coast of Ireland is being denied to Irish vessels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35815/18]

*964. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the measures he has taken to address the lack of fodder supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35816/18]

*965. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of recent reports of bullying and harassment by departmental inspectors while carrying out on-farm inspections; the number of complaints that have been made concerning such bullying in each of the past four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35817/18]

*966. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding a licensing issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35949/18]

*967. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a series of matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the fodder crisis will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35969/18]

*968. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a grant payment in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork will be expedited. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [35980/18]

*969. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a farm payment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35985/18]

*970. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the full environmental impact study will be carried out on a bay; when a person (details supplied) will receive a decision on an application for an aquaculture licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36002/18]

*971. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 482 of 28 November 2017, his plans to review a decision to allow pre-harvest spraying of crops in 2016 with glyphosate products; if he has had engagement with the Department of Health or otherwise in the context of the sale of glyphosate in consumer stores in view of the court case in the US regarding a branded glyphosate product; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36015/18]

*972. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a company (details supplied) was granted a licence to be an approved tree and hedging nursery; if so, the year it was granted and revoked; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36016/18]

*973. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a TAMS grant will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry following a successful review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [36019/18]

*974. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when TAMS grants for dairy equipment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [36020/18]

*975. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when GLAS payments for 2016 and 2017 will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [36021/18]

*976. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; if an oral hearing can be held in the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36025/18]

*977. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he will take to support the income of suckler farmers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36026/18]

*978. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the winter 2018 fodder crisis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36032/18]

*979. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of badgers culled in each of the years 2015 to 2017 and to date in 2018, nationally and by county in tabular form; the number tested for TB; the percentage that tested positive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [36034/18]

*980. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an appeal by a person (details supplied) in respect of an ANC payment for 2017 has been successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [36074/18]

*981. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if hill land that is farmed in the traditional manner will now not need to be fenced in cases in which other general compliance measures are met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [36118/18]

*982. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a GLAS 1 application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [36122/18]

*983. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to end the use of glyphosate following a case (details supplied) in the United States of America in summer 2018. — Clare Daly. [36178/18]

*984. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the conclusions and findings contained in the newly updated draft appropriate assessment conclusion statement

in which proposals to manage and licence aquaculture activities in the west of the Ardara/Maas Road Special Area of Conservation are outlined; his further views on whether the activities for which a licence is required would be consistent with conservation objectives for a Natura 2000 site; his further views on whether such activities will not lead to a disturbance to local habitats and species and will therefore not result in a deterioration to the attributes of same; the details of the information and the source of same which informed this statement; if he plans to approve the draft statement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36188/18]

*985. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36192/18]

*986. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the payment for suckler cow farmers will be increased to €200 per suckler cow (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36212/18]

*987. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the case of a person (details supplied) who had a penalty on their farm payments will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36261/18]

*988. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if farming payments will be issued on time in view of the pending fodder crisis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36263/18]

*989. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position in his Department and the organisations under its aegis that have arrangements in place for lo-call numbers or 1800, 1850 and 1890 phone numbers for members of the public to contact his Department or organisations under its aegis; the number of these that are completely free to call to persons that use mobile phones and may incur major bills phoning such organisations; if the situation will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36391/18]

*990. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the Council of Europe recommendation concerning fur animals and specifically the practice of farming the mink species here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [36440/18]

*991. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made on a review of a sheep welfare scheme penalty in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [36441/18]

*992. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that have submitted a BPS application in 2018 that have parcels of land within designated areas; the number of these farmers by county; the amount of designated land these farmers have within 0 to 5, 5 to 10, 10 to 15 hectares and so on in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [36455/18]

*993. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 450 of 19 June 2018, the status of an aquaculture licence application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36478/18]

*994. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a farm payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36571/18]

*995. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Sligo County Council will be assisted with the cost of removing a 2.5 tonne whale carcass that has washed ashore in order to help to stop the spread of pollution into Sligo Bay and onto Strandhill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [36583/18]

*996. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the deterrents in place to prevent illegal dumping in Coillte forests and lakes in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36586/18]

*997. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an application for a licence by a person (details supplied) can be amended to include another species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36605/18]

*998. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is considering long-term measures and proposals that will seek to avoid further livestock fodder shortages in future years. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [36708/18]

*999. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he plans to take to address the impending fodder shortage in autumn 2018. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [36709/18]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied) in relation to a farm payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36750/18]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the outcome of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [36777/18]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce low cost credit facilities for farmers facing financial difficulties; when the scheme will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36827/18]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he plans to introduce to ensure that there are adequate supplies of fodder and foodstuff for the coming winter and spring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36828/18]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a parcel of land (details supplied) has entitlements; if this parcel can now be classified as clean land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [36901/18]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proposals he has put to the European Commission in relation to the provision of assistance to farmers facing difficulties with inadequate fodder supplies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36931/18]

- *1006. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the beef forum is due to next meet; and the number of meetings to date since the forum was established in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [36932/18]
- *1007. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the dairy forum is due to next meet; and the number of meetings to date since the forum was established in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [36933/18]
- *1008. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the tillage forum is due to next meet; and the number of meetings to date since the forum was established in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [36934/18]
- *1009. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the costs associated with running and facilitating the various round table forums in each sector including beef, dairy, tillage and so on in tabular form.. — Charlie McConalogue. [36935/18]
- *1010. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce a crisis hardship fund to support farmers that have had to expend significant funds to source fodder and feed cattle as result of reduced fodder availability as a result of severe drought summer type conditions. — Charlie McConalogue. [36939/18]
- *1011. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce a low cost loan scheme to support farmers that have had to expend significant funds to source fodder and feed as a result of severe drought summer type conditions and reduced prices for produce. — Charlie McConalogue. [36940/18]
- *1012. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons that applied to the 2018 national reserve without having completed a green cert by the May 2018 deadline. — Charlie McConalogue. [36941/18]
- *1013. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications to the 2018 national reserve and young farmers scheme by county in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [36942/18]
- *1014. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of suckler cows by county in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [36943/18]
- *1015. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if adequate financial support will be provided for farmers to ensure they are not disadvantaged when TB controls are imposed on their farms. — Charlie McConalogue. [36944/18]
- *1016. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount allocated to the TB eradication and support programme in each of the years 2010 to 2018; and the amount expended in each year and to date in 2018, in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [36945/18]
- *1017. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the payment rates per hectare for farmers for the recently announced knowledge transfer scheme to establish knowledge transfer groups for forestry; when farmers will be able to apply to this scheme; and the criteria that will apply to applicants. — Charlie McConalogue. [36946/18]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to the confirmation that 1,000 new customs and veterinary inspectors will be hired in the event of a no-deal hard Brexit scenario, the estimated impact in terms of resourcing for export certificates and health certs required for third country exports in March 2019; and the contingencies in place for the necessary infrastructure to be of sufficient scale to allow for the seamless export of thousands of tonnes of food product to third countries weekly and to ensure there is no delays in this regard. — Charlie McConalogue. [36947/18]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount allocated in each year of the 2014-2020 rural development programme to the early retirement scheme; the amount drawn down in each year and to date in 2018; the number of farmers that participated in the scheme; and his views on having such a scheme post-2020. — Charlie McConalogue. [36948/18]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of knowledge transfer group participants that have and have not completed animal health measures, respectively by county in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [36949/18]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of knowledge transfer group participants that have and have not completed respectively farm improvement plans; and the number of knowledge transfer groups meetings that took place by the 31 July deadline by county in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [36950/18]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 585 of 12 July 2018, the status of the data in relation to quarter one. — Charlie McConalogue. [36951/18]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of landings made from the UK exclusive economic zone for each specific fishing stock in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [36952/18]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made on targets to increase fish exports in volume and value terms as per Foodwise 2025. — Charlie McConalogue. [36953/18]

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

*1025. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to amend the renewable electricity support scheme and enact a measure to encourage the use of renewable energy on farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35758/18]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if Inland Fisheries Ireland has plans to purchase a fishery (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36174/18]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress that has been made to introduce a payment to assist persons that have lifelong or long-term medical incontinence with the cost of disposing of incontinence products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36755/18]

- *1028. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the cost of creating the office of the digital safety commissioner as recommended by the Law Reform Commission has been costed. — Timmy Dooley. [35439/18]
- *1029. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there will be an ongoing subsidy required in terms of the National Broadband Plan tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [35472/18]
- *1030. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the cost of the contracting out of secure printing by his Department in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35534/18]
- *1031. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding broadband access at a location (details supplied) in County Wexford to encourage remote working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35559/18]
- *1032. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when an annual support of €75 for persons with lifelong, long-term medical incontinence under the waste management subvention scheme will be introduced. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35582/18]
- *1033. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the roll-out plan will be modified for a person (details supplied) and their neighbours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [35638/18]
- *1034. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeframe for the roll-out of high-speed broadband for a person (details supplied) and their neighbours; the reason the estate in question has been singled out as not being commercial in view of the fact that the surrounding estates either have high-speed broadband or are on the proposed roll-out plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [35639/18]
- *1035. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to a submission by a club (details supplied) in County Kildare regarding the National Broadband Plan; the status of the plan in the context of another bidder withdrawing from the plan; the full cost to date of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35671/18]
- *1036. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when improved broadband services will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35688/18]
- *1037. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a reply will issue to a query raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to broadband in their area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [35716/18]
- *1038. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the ESB Westwave project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35813/18]
- *1039. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding received by the ESB Westwave project to date; the way in which this funding has been used to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35814/18]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the composite national coverage map for the 3G and 4G networks will be published; the action that will be taken to improve the service in these blackspot areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35974/18]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the price monitoring group on residential household waste; the measures he is taking to ensure that the trend of increasing prices does not continue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35987/18]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeframe the price monitoring group on residential household waste will continue to operate; the plans in place should the group report a continuing steady increase across prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35988/18]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the initiatives underway and planned to promote the use of environmentally friendly fuels such as smokeless coal by households; the measures in place to prevent the use of harmful fuels in fireplaces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [36050/18]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when a person (details supplied) will be connected to broadband in an area in north County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36112/18]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the quantity and percentage of plastics bottles that are verifiably recycled here in each of the past three years to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36296/18]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the requirements placed on employers to ensure that with respect to waste generated by their staff in the workplace recycling is maximised and residual waste is minimised; the locations such requirements are published; the way in which they are enforced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36297/18]

*1047. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the agencies and or authorities that have responsibility for national campaigns on waste minimisation, prevention and general information for the public on these matters; the recent steps taken in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36298/18]

*1048. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position in his Department and the organisations under its aegis that have arrangements in place for local numbers or 1800, 1850 and 1890 phone numbers for members of the public to contact his Department or organisations under its aegis; the number of these that are completely free to call to persons that use mobile phones and may incur major bills phoning such organisations; if the situation will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36394/18]

*1049. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans in relation to a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36479/18]

- *1050. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the annual support of €75 for medical incontinence wear promised in summer 2017 will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36529/18]
- *1051. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the specific actions and their associated timeframe he is taking to deal with the excessive waste generated by single use plastic products; the annual reduction targets for single use plastic products envisaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36530/18]
- *1052. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount by which Ireland will fail to meet the 2020 greenhouse gas emission targets (details supplied); the level of fines budgeted for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36531/18]
- *1053. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the roll out of the National Broadband Plan; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that businesses in counties Cavan and Monaghan are suffering, students cannot access high speed internet in many areas to complete their studies and public services are also impacted due to poor broadband service. — Niamh Smyth. [36578/18]
- *1054. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the upcoming renewable electricity supported scheme will include technology specific auctions in particular to enable development of solar PV generation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36614/18]
- *1055. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason he is delaying publishing the studies in relation to the North-South Interconnector; the timeframe for publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36658/18]
- *1056. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding an Eircode issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36753/18]
- *1057. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when his Department received the two independent reports in relation to the proposed North-South Interconnector; when it is planned to publish these reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36757/18]
- *1058. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans for the development of anaerobic digestors on a regional basis. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [36765/18]
- *1059. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the National Broadband Plan in terms of the procurement process; the expected roll out terms, timeframe and completion dates for the remaining homes and businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36781/18]
- *1060. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when a project (details supplied) will be progressed in view of the fact that such infrastructure would be beneficial for a town needing job creation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36784/18]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his Department has contact with their counterparts in Northern Ireland in relation to the development of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36785/18]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when it is expected fast charge points for electric vehicles will be installed in Cavan town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36812/18]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures he plans to implement to secure the post office network in view of its importance throughout the country with particular reference to the needs of rural communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36826/18]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to install fast charge points for electric vehicles in towns throughout counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36830/18]

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

*1065. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a resolution in the case of a person (details supplied) can be identified. — Sean Sherlock. [35448/18]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his Department was notified in advance by the US Embassy of an aircraft (details supplied) being on contract to the US military; and the origin of the flight in view of the fact that there is no airbase in Roswell with the code ROS. — Clare Daly. [35500/18]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the new bridge under construction in New Ross will include suicide prevention apparatus such as suicide barriers and netting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36477/18]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of each driver test centre nationally; the number of persons waiting for a driver test; the expected waiting time for persons applying for a test at each centre; the longest time that a person on the waiting list has been waiting to be offered a test at each centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36642/18]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a matter (details supplied) in relation to the change in Bus Éireann's timetable for daily services from Cavan to Dublin will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35423/18]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a matter in relation to the carriage of a mobility scooter on buses by a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35432/18]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the National Transport Authority is proposing a new colour scheme for buses in Dublin which would be dark blue on the front and back and that persons with visual impairments are concerned that this colour scheme will make the buses much less visible; if there has or will be

public consultation in relation to this change; and if he has had discussions with the NTA in relation to this change. — Eamon Ryan. [35447/18]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which clubs or organisations can apply for the dormant accounts funding, namely the sports measures for disadvantaged communities to support the national physical activity plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [35460/18]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting since 6 January 2018 for an appointment for their driver test in Tullamore; when they can expect to be called; and the measures being taken to reduce the waiting time at the test centre in Tullamore. — Brian Stanley. [35482/18]

*1074. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the additional capacity that can be added to the existing services on the Maynooth to Connolly rail line in the second half of 2019 arising from the refurbishment of existing rolling stock that can be put into service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [35490/18]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter regarding the upgrading of a road (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35494/18]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if an application was made for a flight (details supplied) for exemptions for the transportation of munitions or weapons of war through Shannon Airport to date in 2018 under the Air Navigation (Carriage of Munitions of War, Weapons and Dangerous Goods) Order, SI 224 of 1973; and the origin of the flight in view of the fact there is no airbase in Roswell with the code ROS. — Clare Daly. [35499/18]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 11 of 15 February 2018, the status of the expansion of the car parking capacity levels at Sallins and Naas railway train station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35521/18]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of plans for the upgrading of rail service levels through the Phoenix Park tunnel during off-peak times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35522/18]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the cost of the contracting out of secure printing in his Department in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35532/18]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if assistance can be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35566/18]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of registered driver instructors that are independent or self-employed as opposed to being franchised to companies such as a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [35568/18]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to review Irish Rail train fair costs in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35611/18]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will request the Marine Casualty Board to reinvestigate the deaths of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35656/18]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 61 of 21 June 2018, if the aircraft was or was not in Irish controlled airspace. — Clare Daly. [35658/18]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 2179 of 24 July 2018, if permission was given for munitions or explosives to be taken through Shannon Airport on an aircraft (details supplied) which landed at the airport on 11 July 2018. — Clare Daly. [35659/18]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 2179 of 24 July 2018, if the attention of authorities and fire personnel at Shannon Airport was drawn to munitions and or explosives on board an aircraft (details supplied) which landed there on 11 July 2018 while it was parked very close to civilian passenger aircraft at the main terminal building; and the special precautions taken to minimise the danger to civilians at the airport. — Clare Daly. [35660/18]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the N81 upgrade project; if the project will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35667/18]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of fatalities involving road traffic accidents on the N81 in each of the years 2011 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35668/18]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a review of train fares for Newbridge, Kildare and Athy rail commuters that remain outside the short-hop commuter zone will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35674/18]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be made available in 2019 for the restoration of Coughlanstown Road, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35706/18]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Coughlanstown Road, Ballymore Eustace, County Kildare will be considered for national funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35707/18]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the NTA rail review document will be published. — Imelda Munster. [35718/18]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on an organisation's (details supplied) request that a fully wheelchair accessible transport system be provided in view of the fact it will dramatically change the lives of persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35767/18]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if all sections of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 2018 have been commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35772/18]

- *1095. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a driver test will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35803/18]
- *1096. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to regulate the use of drones in a circumstance (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35812/18]
- *1097. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the implementing of a road safety measure (details supplied); if there is a timeframe for its delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35899/18]
- *1098. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason some persons that have applied for driver tests in Tullamore in January 2018 have still not been called. — Brian Stanley. [35907/18]
- *1099. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a driver test for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36001/18]
- *1100. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of efforts to address issues with regard to rickshaws; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [36009/18]
- *1101. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures being undertaken to assist trainee pilots and their families affected by the collapse of a college (details supplied); the consideration he has given to the testimony provided by families affected by the collapse of the college at a meeting of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport, Tourism and Sport on 24 May 2017; if he will engage with those families to resolve the issues affecting them as a result of the collapse of the college; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [36024/18]
- *1102. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a matter (details supplied) in relation to tractors on public roads will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36054/18]
- *1103. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a road junction in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36077/18]
- *1104. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the procurement of additional carriages on the rail fleet which will serve the Pelletstown station when complete as part of the Maynooth to Connolly stations service will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [36092/18]
- *1105. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if it is permitted for drivers of coaches to perform tour guiding duties while also driving; if this area is regulated in terms of safety, working hours and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [36123/18]
- *1106. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the NTA met with Cork County Council recently to discuss the road upgrade scheme for Lehenaghbeg/Lehenaghmore, County

Cork; and if the NTA has taken a favourable view of this particular project. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [36157/18]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when successful applicants that applied for the capital sports grants 2018 will be notified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36186/18]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of applications to have boats surveyed to assess their suitability to operate as passenger vessels received by the Marine Survey Office in 2017 and to date in 2018; the dates on which all applications were received by the Office; the dates on which a determination was made in respect of same in the case of outstanding applications; the date on which a decision will issue; the average turnaround time for applications, that is, the length of time between applications first being received by the Office and a decision issuing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36187/18]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if National Lottery funding will be made available to sports clubs in the next 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36203/18]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures in place to deal with and to curb anti-social behaviour on the rail networks including Iarnród Éireann and Luas; his plans to introduce additional measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [36217/18]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 503 of 15 May 2018, the name of all consultants and the fees paid or due to them by the NTA and TII, his Department or other public funding streams regarding the MetroLink project in each of the years 2011 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [36224/18]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the fees charged by consultants to the State including the NTA, TII, his Department and other State agencies involved regarding BusConnects in each of the years 2014 to 2017 and to date in 2018. — Imelda Munster. [36225/18]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason his Department does not include funding for preventative safety measures being developed under a non-national safety scheme or low cost accident scheme in areas which have increased the risk of accidents occurring due to new development; the other funding schemes available for councils to develop pedestrian crossings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [36242/18]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason the toll charged for using the N4 Sligo to Dublin is the highest toll charge here despite the fact that motorway status roadway only covers the distance from Mullingar to Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [36246/18]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of RSA officers operating in counties Sligo, Leitrim, Donegal, Mayo, Galway and Roscommon that are tasked with specifically tackling unlicensed road transport operators; the number of investigations undertaken and convictions obtained with regard to unlicensed road transport operations in the north west; the efforts made in this region to combat unlicensed road hauliers and the customers that obtain their services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [36248/18]

- *1116. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on Dublin Bus not issuing change refunds from 21 September 2018; his views on whether the rights of commuters are being vindicated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36269/18]
- *1117. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the revised traffic signs manual will be amended; the date on which the signs will be erected showing Ireland West Airport Knock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [36369/18]
- *1118. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position in his Department and the organisations under its aegis that have arrangements in place for lo-call numbers or 1800, 1850 and 1890 phone numbers for members of the public to contact his Department or organisations under its aegis; the number of these that are completely free to call to persons that use mobile phones and may incur major bills phoning such organisations; if the situation will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36406/18]
- *1119. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Fáilte Ireland plan to open a new tourism information office in either Malahide and or Howth, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36417/18]
- *1120. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of persons awaiting driver tests; and the number that have been allocated a test date. — Imelda Munster. [36494/18]
- *1121. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of persons awaiting a driver test date by county; the average waiting time; and the longest expected waiting time in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [36495/18]
- *1122. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of persons that have been allocated a driver test date by county; the average waiting time; and the longest expected waiting time in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [36496/18]
- *1123. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of driver instructors that have been recruited in each of the years 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; the number of instructors that have retired or left their posts in each of those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [36497/18]
- *1124. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the legislative provisions required to implement and enforce variable speed limits on the M50; when this legislation will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36535/18]
- *1125. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the waiting times for a driver test at Gorey and Wexford test centres; the national average waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36544/18]
- *1126. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the full year cost of halving the fares on public transport; the full year cost of making public transport free for all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36599/18]
- *1127. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the expected completion date for the widening of the N7; the stipulations in place in the contract for timelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [36610/18]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the rationale behind the law by which haulage motorists can be fined €80+ and receive 1 penalty point for overtaking a slow moving vehicle on a motorway; and his plans to amend the legislation (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [36651/18]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the city centre resignalling project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36659/18]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce legislation to extend eligibility to a disabled parking permit to provide for the carers of persons with autism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36682/18]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of plans to develop the M20 motorway between Limerick and Cork; when a design team will be appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [36690/18]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has been furnished with the preliminary report on the route and design of the proposed M20 Cork to Limerick motorway. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36710/18]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the sports capital funding 2018 will be increased in view of the fact that the terms of eligibility have been relaxed to enable more applicants apply under the scheme. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36711/18]

*1134. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he or the NTA have plans or proposals to bypass the town of Headford, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [36725/18]

*1135. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the western rail corridor review of phase 2 Athenry to Tuam and phase 3 Tuam to Claremorris has commenced; if not, when it is expected to commence; the details of the appointed contractor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [36751/18]

*1136. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeline for the completion of the western rail corridor review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [36752/18]

*1137. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a driver test appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36761/18]

*1138. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the extension of the Luas green line from Broombridge into the Dublin 15 area; his plans to investigate the benefits of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36804/18]

*1139. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to extend the Luas red and green lines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36805/18]

*1140. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when all sections of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 2018 will be commenced; the sections which are awaiting commencement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36806/18]

*1141. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of proposed works on the N2 from Rath to Kilmoon, County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [36833/18]

*1142. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeline for the transfer of Dún Laoghaire harbour to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council; the directors of the harbour company; and the date each directorship expires. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [36897/18]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will request TII to keep Waterloo Junction on the N21, Cork open permanently whilst implementing health and safety measures. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36898/18]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he is satisfied that the National Transport Authority is doing a sufficient public consultation in respect of the Bus Connects; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the consultation sessions across the greater Dublin area are not in a format of community meetings but information stands; his views on the fact that commuters need a more in depth consultative process to ensure the success of the revision of the greater Dublin area public transport network; his plans in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36954/18]

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

*1145. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when an application by a person (details supplied) for equipment and works will be funded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35804/18]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will consider, further to correspondence, amending the early childhood care and education scheme and remove a restriction (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35900/18]

*1147. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a unit (details supplied) in Castleblaney, County Monaghan will be reopened; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36264/18]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to increase support for childcare costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36910/18]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if an application by an organisation (details supplied) for an early years and school age grant will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35415/18]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if Tusla is operating its own internal complaints policy and procedures; and if there are published guidelines for same. — Clare Daly. [35420/18]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if an investigation will be launched into whether the threshold for the reporting of child abuse was reached in the cases shown in a programme (details supplied); and if instances of child abuse not featured in the programme but brought to the attention of the company concerned through content moderation activity and which reach the reporting threshold have all been reported to the appropriate authorities. — Clare Daly. [35509/18]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if an investigation will be launched into whether the threshold for the reporting of child abuse was reached in the cases shown in a programme (details supplied); and if instances of child abuse not featured in the programme but brought to the attention of the company concerned through content moderation activity reached that threshold in these cases. — Clare Daly. [35510/18]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is satisfied that a company (details supplied) is suitable to act as a major recruiting agent for Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [35511/18]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she is taking to prevent crèches operating under the affordable childcare scheme increasing the fees they charge parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35645/18]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the gender breakdown of the senior management positions in Tusla; and her views on the gender breakdown in her Department in view of the over representation of women in the more junior roles. — Clare Daly. [35679/18]

*1156. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of family resource centres in County Donegal offering family contact centre services; the process by which they can be accessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35746/18]

*1157. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the issue of age limits for children (details supplied) on the ECCE scheme will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35773/18]

*1158. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to address issues regarding the lack of funding for an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35875/18]

*1159. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the consultation process undertaken with parents regarding the age limits for ECCE which was due for completion in June 2018 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35978/18]

*1160. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the cases of persons (details supplied) will be reviewed; the reason both children are not entitled to two free pre-school years; if changes are proposed to legislation to deal with these cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36171/18]

*1161. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if correspondence from a person (details supplied) has been received and examined; and if a response has been issued. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36283/18]

*1162. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the position in her Department and the organisations under its aegis that have arrangements in place for lo-call numbers or 1800, 1850 and 1890 phone numbers for members of the public to contact her Department or organisations under its aegis; the number of these that are completely free to call to persons that use mobile phones and may incur major bills phoning such organisations; if the situation will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36393/18]

- *1163. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the annual rental cost of buildings rented by her Department or organisations under its aegis at a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36431/18]
- *1164. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of whole-time equivalent social work posts per Tusla region; the number of whole-time equivalent vacancies by region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [36444/18]
- *1165. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when the findings of the national review panel in relation to the experiences of three young women while in the care of the State in County Galway commenced in 2016 will be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36491/18]
- *1166. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there are two outstanding reports (details supplied) on Oberstown Detention Centre; when the contents will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [36546/18]
- *1167. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the annual cost of the various childcare programmes across her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36598/18]
- *1168. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the decision to reduce the two entry points to the ECCE scheme that existed in January and April 2018 to one annual entry point from September each year (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36613/18]
- *1169. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the monthly amount spent by Tusla on agency staff in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36807/18]
- *1170. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of unfilled vacant posts in Tusla by title; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36808/18]
- *1171. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of social care workers hired in each of the years 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; the number of social care workers that have left their positions in each of the years 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36809/18]
- *1172. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of family support workers working with homeless families; the number of families per worker; if families in homeless accommodation are awaiting allocation of a family support worker; if so, the length of time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36810/18]
- *1173. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when her attention was first drawn to the fact that the Adoption Authority of Ireland sent three reports on illegal birth registrations to her Department; if she has received those reports; her views in respect of those reports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36976/18]
- *1174. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to address the illegal birth registrations discovered in view of the fact many are mature adults; the reason social workers are required in respect of such cases as opposed to providing for the proper registration of these false

birth registrations; her plans to address these issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36977/18]

*1175. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the Adoption Authority of Ireland audit of the National Adoption Contact Register will identify the likely number of persons affected by false birth registration; the years covered by this analysis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36978/18]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the institutions and agencies, nursing homes, religious bodies and so on which have been identified as carrying out illegal birth registrations; the period of time this encompasses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36979/18]

*1177. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she now plans to hold a full scale audit of adoption records with a view to determining the number of adoption records that may be false and misleading including illegal registration of births; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36980/18]

*1178. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if evidence in a recent court case as far back as 2001 regarding patients of St. Patrick's Guild that illegal registration had been made for children is now being accepted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36981/18]

*1179. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the occasions the attention of her Department was drawn by the Adoption Authority of Ireland to the possibilities of illegal registration; when the attention of her Department or her predecessors were drawn to this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36982/18]

*1180. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on whether as a civil and human right, adopted persons that are now adults should have full access to adoption records and files; when she will proceed with legislation to provide for this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36983/18]

*1181. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated number of persons adopted here prior to the Adoption Act 1952; the number which were adoptions of Irish children that were arranged for families in the United States of America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom since 1952; the number of adoptions from 1922 to 1952; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36984/18]

*1182. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when the scoping exercise into adoption was commenced by her Department; the number of adoption cases likely to be examined; if the adoption board, AAI, relevant Government Departments and their predecessors will be subject to examination; when she expects to examine the findings of the scoping report; the person carrying out the scoping exercise; the qualifications they have; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36986/18]

*1183. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of adoption records held by the State by category (details supplied) at which babies were given up for adoption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36987/18]

*1184. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated number of siblings placed in fosterage or adoption; if her Department sought to provide for the reunification of separated siblings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36989/18]

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

*1185. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the allocation to each local authority for community development functions in 2017 and 2018. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35417/18]

*1186. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his attention has been drawn to a request by an organisation (details supplied) for increased allocation of funding for the walks scheme, doubling the funding from €2 million to €4 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35763/18]

*1187. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of local authorities that have been asked to map local blackspots to identify infrastructure that could potentially be used to provide additional coverage on an economical basis in respect of the coverage of mobile phone reception for both the 3G and 4G network; the number of these local authorities that have completed this process; the action being taken on foot of this to improve the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35975/18]

*1188. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which individual clubs can apply for dormant accounts funding through the various departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [35461/18]

*1189. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of town and village renewal scheme applications in County Kildare. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35930/18]

*1190. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of town and village renewal scheme applications in County Laois. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35931/18]

*1191. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding will be provided for fully adapted transport for an organisation (details supplied) as part of its application for CLÁR funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [36234/18]

*1192. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the position in his Department and the organisations under its aegis that have arrangements in place for lo-call numbers or 1800, 1850 and 1890 phone numbers for members of the public to contact his Department or organisations under its aegis; the number of these that are completely free to call to persons that use mobile phones and may incur major bills phoning such organisations; if the situation will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36405/18]

*1193. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the estimated cost in 2019 if the budget for the Charities Regulatory Authority increased by 12.5%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36424/18]

*1194. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when funding allocations under measure 2 of the outdoor recreational scheme will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [36513/18]

*1195. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the breakdown between total funds expended on administration costs and the total amount on project costs on the Leader programme in each year of the 2014-2020 rural development programme and to date in 2018. — Charlie McConalogue. [36936/18]

*1196. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the financial allocations on an annual basis under the 2014-2020 rural development programme as per measure 19 support for Leader local development; the annual amount expended on the programme in each year of the rural development programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36937/18]

*1197. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount allocated by current and capital expenditure in 2018 to schemes (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [36938/18]

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

*1198. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that did not receive an automatic payment of the back to school clothing and footwear allowance and that had to reapply in each of the years 2009 to 2017 and to date in 2018. — Kathleen Funchion. [35937/18]

*1199. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason those entitled to automatic payment of the back to school clothing and footwear allowance that may have to reapply are not informed of this prior to the release of the payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [35938/18]

*1200. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of back to school clothing and footwear allowance payments made on the assigned date of issue; and the number of persons that received it after this date. — Kathleen Funchion. [35939/18]

*1201. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the ratification of the International Labour Organisation's convention concerning decent work for domestic workers in August 2014 was the catalyst for the subsequent changes in the interpretation of the status of au pairs; if not, the point at which the status of an au pair was changed to be considered an employee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [36146/18]

*1202. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a travel pass for a person (details supplied) can be reinstated in view of recent policy changes to the free travel scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [36707/18]

*1203. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the actions she has taken to protect jobs at a company (details supplied) and put supports in place for employees that will be made redundant; if she has spoken with the management of the company regarding these job losses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [36923/18]

*1204. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for an invalidity pension in the case of a person (details supplied); if an oral hearing can be facilitated in this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35431/18]

*1205. 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. — Thomas Pringle. [35502/18]

*1206. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for an invalidity pension in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application is likely to be concluded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35505/18]

*1207. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when appeals in the case of a person (details supplied) will be heard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35562/18]

*1208. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for the carer's support grant in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application is likely to conclude; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35563/18]

*1209. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for illness benefit and disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35564/18]

*1210. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the decision to cease disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35583/18]

*1211. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the decision to refuse an application for a disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied) can be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35588/18]

*1212. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a bereavement grant by way of an exceptional needs payment can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35596/18]

*1213. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if phone lines that are provided for Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas by her Department to make queries in relation to individuals, can transfer a query to discuss a person's case with either this Deputy, a secretarial assistant or parliamentary assistant without declining to discuss a matter by quoting GDPR regulations (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35622/18]

*1214. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the class S PRSI for a self-employed person that is 66 years of age can be used to satisfy the minimum 260 contribution weeks for the criteria necessary to qualify for the half-rate pension in view of the fact that they satisfy the minimum 520 paid contributions condition for the State pension (contributory) eligibility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35635/18]

*1215. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the preparation of legislation to facilitate reviews for those in receipt of contributory pensions post-

2012 that took time out to care for family; when these reviews will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35675/18]

*1216. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied) will be examined; if this claim can be backdated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35694/18]

*1217. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person on a carer's allowance is granted stamps towards PRSI employee benefits such as teeth cleaning and eye tests. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35708/18]

*1218. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person on a carer's allowance is granted credits towards their pension. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35709/18]

*1219. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance appeal by a person (details supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35710/18]

*1220. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the decision to cease jobseeker's allowance to a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if this payment will be reinstated with arrears; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35786/18]

*1221. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons in counties Cavan and Monaghan that were in receipt of the carer's allowance, carer's benefit and the respite grant between 2011 and 2016, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35798/18]

*1222. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the revision of PRSI being levied on phantom gains deemed to be arising to a trade when in fact there is an overall loss will be revised further to correspondence from persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35805/18]

*1223. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason the domiciliary care allowance is only paid up until a child's 16th birthday rather than 18 as is the children's allowance; and if raising the age limit to 18 years of age has been considered. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35811/18]

*1224. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application for carer's benefit by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35871/18]

*1225. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to extend the period of time that participants over 50 years of age can remain on community employment and Tús schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [35873/18]

*1226. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the European Code of Social Security became binding here; her views on whether the 2012 pension eligibility changes comply with the code in all respects; her further views on the fact that some persons, in view of their age, were not given sufficient notice of the change as set out in the Code; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [35874/18]

- *1227. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a review into the pension entitlements of a person (details supplied) will be carried out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [35884/18]
- *1228. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the back to school clothing and footwear allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35959/18]
- *1229. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to expand the maximum wage limit to qualify for the back to school clothing and footwear allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35960/18]
- *1230. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension appeal by a person (details supplied); the average waiting time on an appeal for this payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35993/18]
- *1231. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if persons on invalidity pension are permitted to hold non-executive directorships of a family business which require them to attend a small number of meetings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36046/18]
- *1232. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a matter in relation to a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; her plans to reintroduce a measure for persons in this situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36055/18]
- *1233. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if all persons on disability allowance are entitled to apply for and receive PRSI credits reckonable for the State pension irrespective of whether they were previously employed as a PAYE worker or worked as a self-employed person paying class S stamp; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36067/18]
- *1234. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision on a partial capacity benefit application by a person (details supplied) will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [36075/18]
- *1235. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when payment will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [36102/18]
- *1236. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No 2459 of 24 July 2018, if her Department will interact directly with the UK authorities as in the past in view of the existence of bilateral arrangements and the difficulty experienced by private persons attempting to deal with the UK authorities such as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36127/18]
- *1237. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a basic social welfare payment has not been granted in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36128/18]

*1238. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason rent support is not being paid in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36130/18]

*1239. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if community employment supervisors are entitled to pension benefits upon retirement as was recommended at the LRC ten years ago (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Barrett. [36154/18]

*1240. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36161/18]

*1241. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36162/18]

*1242. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36163/18]

*1243. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36164/18]

*1244. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36165/18]

*1245. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal for farm assist by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36167/18]

*1246. 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. [36168/18]

*1247. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for carer's allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36169/18]

*1248. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if there are circumstances in which a community employment placement may be extended beyond three years such as in the case of a person (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [36193/18]

*1249. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for State redundancy by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36207/18]

*1250. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of plans to alter the State pension qualification criteria to ensure that all persons that have had periods outside

of the PAYE system or that have been homemakers for a period of time are entitled to a full State pension. — Robert Troy. [36252/18]

*1251. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps that have been taken to provide community employment supervisors and assistant supervisors with pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36255/18]

*1252. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the date on which it was decided to change the application forms for illness benefit; the consultations that took place; the persons or bodies with which consultation took place; the dates on which consultations took place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36257/18]

*1253. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the wait times for all social welfare payments. — John Brady. [36258/18]

*1254. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for the delay in processing the back to school clothing and footwear allowance; the wait time for same; the number of applications to be processed; the date on which all applications will be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36259/18]

*1255. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to establish a cross-departmental and cross party working group to examine child maintenance and issues in relation to these payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36260/18]

*1256. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration has been given to the introduction of illness benefit for self employed persons, that is, if the Class S contributions being paid by the self employed could become reckonable for illness benefit purposes. — Tom Neville. [36265/18]

*1257. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the appeal process regarding a jobseeker's allowance application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36266/18]

*1258. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36270/18]

*1259. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for an invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [36273/18]

*1260. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a social welfare appeal by a person (details supplied) in relation to their claim for a disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [36274/18]

*1261. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a social welfare appeal by a person (details supplied) in relation to their application for a domiciliary care allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [36275/18]

*1262. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a social welfare appeal by a person (details supplied) for an invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [36276/18]

*1263. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36277/18]

*1264. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person will still qualify for tax relief on the contributions they have invested through the auto-enrolment scheme under the strawman proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36289/18]

*1265. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for the delay in making a decision on an application by persons (details supplied) for a disability allowance. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36293/18]

*1266. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position in relation to a social welfare appeal by a person (details supplied) in relation to their claim for invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [36318/18]

*1267. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position in relation to a review of an application by a person (details supplied) for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [36319/18]

*1268. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason payment of occupational injuries benefit to a person (details supplied) ceased; if same will now issue to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [36320/18]

*1269. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the policy of not providing credited PRSI contributions for persons in receipt of carer's allowance will be reviewed; and if this policy will be changed in recognition of the fact that carers are working full-time looking after their family member and should be recognised as such. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36329/18]

*1270. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if illness benefit will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36355/18]

*1271. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36366/18]

*1272. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36367/18]

*1273. 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. [36370/18]

- *1274. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an illness benefit payment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36381/18]
- *1275. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for the delay in issuing illness benefit payments; if she will clarify same with regard to the change in the processing system for sick certificates; the way in which this change was communicated to those in receipt of the payment and to general practitioners that are required to fill out the forms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36382/18]
- *1276. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a partial capacity benefit application has been refused in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36384/18]
- *1277. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36386/18]
- *1278. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36387/18]
- *1279. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36388/18]
- *1280. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position in her Department and the organisations under its aegis that have arrangements in place for lo-call numbers or 1800, 1850 and 1890 phone numbers for members of the public to contact her Department or organisations under its aegis; the number of these that are completely free to call to persons that use mobile phones and may incur major bills phoning such organisations; if the situation will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36398/18]
- *1281. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will be entitled to apply for an invalidity pension. — Thomas Byrne. [36409/18]
- *1282. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [36412/18]
- *1283. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for an invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36413/18]
- *1284. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a partial capacity benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36426/18]
- *1285. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the 100 key words that her Department will provide to a contracted service for its social media monitoring projects; the rationale for the way in which the keywords were chosen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36446/18]

*1286. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason she is seeking a comprehensive social media monitoring and analysis service for her Department; the name of the social media channels for which her Department will require these services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36447/18]

*1287. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the community supports for carers for persons with dementia here; her plans to expand the support levels for carers for persons with dementia; her further plans to meet dementia advocacy groups to discuss increases in funding in the context of Budget 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36448/18]

*1288. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which persons are chosen to participate in JobPath; the way in which persons are selected to enter JobPath for a second time; if there is a maximum number of times a person may be sent to engage with the JobPath programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36454/18]

*1289. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a matter raised by an association (details supplied) will be examined; her views on the plan to disallow some parents this right; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36460/18]

*1290. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the timeframe for dealing with applications for assistance towards funeral expenses. — Robert Troy. [36481/18]

*1291. 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. [36482/18]

*1292. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if illness benefit will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [36501/18]

*1293. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason stamps were not credited to a person (details supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36510/18]

*1294. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to her Department's policy and practice of not displaying homemakers credits on a persons social insurance record but only take them into account when a person's pension application is submitted and calculated; her views on whether it is preferable to display the homemakers credits on the contribution statement as they accrue ensuring better clarity and transparency for persons; if the practice will be changed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36522/18]

*1295. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the sections of the Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2017, that have been commenced to date; when all sections of the Bill will be enacted in full; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36524/18]

*1296. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a report (details supplied) on local employment and job club services will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36523/18]

- *1297. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if changes will be made as part of budget discussions to social welfare payments that take place from 1 January 2019 in line with the date changes to taxation that are made thereby treating all persons fairly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36525/18]
- *1298. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when improvements to pension calculations announced on 23 January 2018 for post-2012 pensioners will be implemented; when the relevant pensioners will be contacted regarding these changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [36548/18]
- *1299. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal for a domiciliary care allowance by a person (detail supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36575/18]
- *1300. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a domiciliary care allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36576/18]
- *1301. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the figures and waiting time for invalidity pension applications in July 2017 compared to July 2018. — Niamh Smyth. [36581/18]
- *1302. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the full year cost of eliminating the reduced rates of JSA for persons under 26 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36591/18]
- *1303. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the investigations her Department has carried out with regard to applying PRSI contributions and entitlements for those in receipt of the carer's allowance in order to allow them to qualify for contributory pensions when they reach pension age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36604/18]
- *1304. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to review the level of training supports available for persons that are unemployed but cannot receive jobseeker's allowance due to the fact that their spouse is working; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36628/18]
- *1305. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the proposed changes to the pension system in 2020; the nature of these changes; the proposals for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36629/18]
- *1306. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [36633/18]
- *1307. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of invalidity pension applications from July 2017 to date by month in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36655/18]

*1308. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the current waiting times for the processing of applications for invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36656/18]

*1309. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if additional staff have been hired or allocated to the invalidity pension section due to a change in provisions (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36657/18]

*1310. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's benefit application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [36712/18]

*1311. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a domiciliary carer's allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36716/18]

*1312. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has not been facilitated with a redundancy package from a Tús supervisor position in view of the fact that such a package was first offered in April 2018; the reason for the protracted and ongoing delays in relation to same; when the person can avail of the redundancy package; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36756/18]

*1313. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if persons with pulmonary hypertension will be facilitated when applying for assistance under the supplementary welfare allowance scheme to assist with high electricity costs associated with the use of oxygen to support breathing. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [36775/18]

*1314. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the legislation to implement changes to the State pension system regarding the previous changes made in 2012 will be introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [36800/18]

*1315. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person that has been made contractually redundant at 66 years of age will be automatically entitled to receive unemployment benefit until they reach 67 years of age in view of the fact that the State pension age is due to rise to 67 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [36829/18]

*1316. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) that applied for carer's allowance on 9 March 2018 will receive a decision on their claim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [36836/18]

*1317. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount of money paid out under the humanitarian assistance scheme per annum from 2010 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36894/18]

*1318. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the average waiting times for payment under the humanitarian assistance scheme in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [36895/18]

*1319. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason childcare fees are not considered as an expense in the eligibility for the one parent family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36908/18]

*1320. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on the findings of a report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36909/18]

*1321. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the representations her Department has made to the Department of Communications, Climate action and Environment in respect of proposed post office closures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36973/18]

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

*1322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the full year pay cost of senior positions (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35419/18]

*1323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there is a scheme available via the HSE to assist homeowners financially towards remedial works to their house for a family member that requires such alterations due to health circumstances; if so, the process for application through such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35623/18]

*1324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason Leap cards are only being given to homeless families during school terms despite the fact that many of the families in emergency accommodation are placed in hotels and hubs far from their family and support networks and have the same travel requirements during school holidays as during term time; and if he will reconsider this policy. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35632/18]

*1325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when funding will be available for a rural cottage scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [36166/18]

*1326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the timeframe to publish the Bill to ban the use of microplastics; the progress to date on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36295/18]

*1327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a cost analysis has been undertaken to evaluate the potential cost per year to the State to house persons that have had their home repossessed by a bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36332/18]

*1328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the cap on the amount of nitrates used by farmers will be increased (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36346/18]

*1329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of requests for allowances to hire frontline staff in a local authority (details supplied) for 2017 and to date

in 2018; and the number granted and refused respectively in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36416/18]

*1330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when guidelines as to the suitable locations for the construction of solar panels will issue. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [36764/18]

*1331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the Seventh Amendment of the Constitution (Election of Members of Seanad Éireann by Institutions of Higher Education) Act 1979; the reason the Act has never been commenced; if the possibility of doing so prior to the next election to Seanad Éireann will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [36770/18]

*1332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the business rates legislative proposals published since the Government took office; and the proposals that have been enacted to date. — Billy Kelleher. [36919/18]

*1333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the allocation to each local authority for estate management functions in 2017 and 2018. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35416/18]

*1334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount allocated to each local authority for rental property inspections in 2017 and 2018; and the projected increase in funding for this purpose for 2019, 2020 and 2021. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35418/18]

*1335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the protections in place to ensure that accommodation designed and built for students remains as student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35466/18]

*1336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the terms of the caravan loan scheme will be reviewed with a view to updating the legislation to make the scheme more accessible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [35479/18]

*1337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of indoor and outdoor staff employed by each local authority in County Tipperary prior to the local authority amalgamation; the number of such staff as of 1 January 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35548/18]

*1338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if new guidelines regarding development contributions will be issued to all local authorities outlining that purpose built housing or alterations to housing to cater for persons with disabilities should be exempt from development contributions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [35560/18]

*1339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will issue a circular to all local authorities instructing them to provide free access to council sports and leisure services for persons placed in emergency accommodation in their administration areas. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35633/18]

*1340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of pensioners in HAP and or RAS tenancies in each of the years 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; the type of tenancy involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35634/18]

- *1341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the case of persons (details supplied) will be reviewed; if a decision will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35700/18]
- *1342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of children in emergency housing accommodation by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35726/18]
- *1343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason for the delay in announcing funding for phase 2 of a project (details supplied) in view of the fact that phase 1 will be near completion in September 2018. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35732/18]
- *1344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the recommendation by an organisation (details supplied) that wheelchair accessible housing be made more available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35765/18]
- *1345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of an application for a mortgage through the Rebuilding Ireland programme by persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [35821/18]
- *1346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the target date for the commencement of an affordable housing scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35830/18]
- *1347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the spend on the rental accommodation scheme; the number of persons in receipt of the scheme by 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. — John Brassil. [35887/18]
- *1348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the spend on the housing assistance payment scheme; the number of persons in receipt of the scheme by 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. — John Brassil. [35889/18]
- *1349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons moved from county council housing waiting lists onto the rental accommodation scheme by 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. — John Brassil. [35890/18]
- *1350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he or his Departmental officials have met with a company (details supplied); the number of times he has met with it; the dates of those meetings; the persons from his Department that were present at those meetings; the issues discussed at each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35905/18]
- *1351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he or his Departmental officials have met with a company (details supplied); the number of times he has met with the company; the dates of those meetings; the person from his Department present at those meetings; the issues discussed at each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35906/18]

*1352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider proposals to place an obligation on landlords to pre-register a property with the RTB prior to conducting viewings in order to make it more difficult for landlords to evade RTB registration once a tenancy has commenced. — Clare Daly. [35910/18]

*1353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the definition of a first-time buyer for a separated person in relation to the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme further to clarification requested by Laois County Council (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35932/18]

*1354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to introduce legislation to extend gender quotas to local elections in time for the 2019 elections; if work is being undertaken on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35989/18]

*1355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to increase gender quota percentages for general elections; if work is being undertaken on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35990/18]

*1356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the work being undertaken to professionalise the provision of housing services in local authorities through specialist university level training in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35991/18]

*1357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to introduce a grant to renovate old one-off housing in rural Ireland (details supplied) to assist with the housing shortage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36028/18]

*1358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to reopen the tenant purchase scheme. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [36066/18]

*1359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if persons are considered to satisfy the eligibility criteria relating to employment with regard to the Rebuilding Ireland home loan in circumstances in which the primary applicant is in continuous employment for over two years and the secondary applicant is in continuous employment for over one year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [36076/18]

*1360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps taken by his Department in response to the European Committee of Social Rights finding in 2017, that Ireland was in violation of Article 16 of the Revised Social Charter in respect of social housing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [36083/18]

*1361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if an allocation under phase 11 of the energy efficiency programme will be made to Longford County Council in order to carry out necessary works to local authority dwellings. — Robert Troy. [36116/18]

*1362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the rate of subsidy paid to group water schemes will be increased in view of the fact that the subsidies paid to group water schemes do not cover the full maintenance costs of the schemes and in some cases there is a shortfall of between 25% and 35% annually; if the cost of the shortfall could be met at the end of 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [36182/18]

*1363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the preparation and finalisation of a national protocol with regard to taking in charge estates served by developer provided infrastructure such as waste water tank and shores will be finalised in order that local authorities can proceed to take these estates in charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [36202/18]

*1364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the amendments to the Mica report following from consultation submissions will be adopted; when the NSAI report will be ratified and made public; when a clear methodology will be available on the way in which affected homes can be repaired or replaced; if a redress scheme as part of Budget 2019 will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [36211/18]

*1365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress that has been made in the establishment of the planning regulator, the recruitment of staff and securing of office space; the timeline for the opening and commencement of operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36213/18]

*1366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if community childcare facilities are exempt from rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36235/18]

*1367. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to exempt all childcare facilities of liability for rates in view of their role in the provision of pre-school education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36236/18]

*1368. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of mortgage applications by local authority for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan; the number of loans issued; the average mortgage amount; the amount drawn down to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36253/18]

*1369. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social housing units build or acquired in Rush, County Dublin in each of the years 2015 to 2017 and to date in 2018. — Clare Daly. [36254/18]

*1370. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36278/18]

*1371. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the length of time applications for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan are taking to be processed by each county council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36280/18]

*1372. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which the decision is made in relation to the Rebuilding Ireland home loan. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36281/18]

*1373. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the appeal process in relation to decisions from the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36285/18]

*1374. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of work with the credit unions and the approved housing bodies on the establishment of a special purpose vehicle to facilitate the delivery of social housing. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36299/18]

*1375. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the reclassification of approved housing bodies; and the work being undertaken to remove approved housing bodies from the balance sheet. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36301/18]

*1376. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the actions he has taken on foot of the review of delivery costs and viability for affordable residential developments. — Róisín Shortall. [36314/18]

*1377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the financial or other incentives that exist for the construction and delivery of commercial development. — Róisín Shortall. [36316/18]

*1378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the policy of not allowing carer's allowance to be taken into account as earned income for the purposes of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme will be reviewed on the grounds that carers are effectively working full-time caring for their family member. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36330/18]

*1379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the acquisition of vacant homes by the Housing Agency using its €70 million fund and other resources available to it; the number of properties offered to the State for purchase from 2016 to 2017 and to date in 2018; the number of offers made by the Agency for vacant homes; the number of bids accepted; the number of contracts signed; the number of properties sold on to approved housing bodies; the average cost of these homes; the number of properties that previously had their loans secured by NAMA; and the number of these properties that were previously offered for purchase to local authorities or other State agencies. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36333/18]

*1380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the knowledge his Department has on the profile of the concentration of ownership of land here; the location in which such information is published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36358/18]

*1381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the action he is taking to deal with construction delays associated with Part V approvals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36361/18]

*1382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of individuals or families that pay rent to a private landlord each month excluding those that benefit from State supports in paying rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36363/18]

*1383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of households that pay rent to a private landlord each month excluding those that benefit from State supports in paying rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36364/18]

*1384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when a review will be carried out regarding income limit guidelines for social housing provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [36383/18]

- *1385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if funding is available via local authorities towards covering the cost of damage to private businesses that were uninsured and which were damaged during Storm Eleanor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [36389/18]
- *1386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position in his Department and the organisations under its aegis that have arrangements in place for lo-call numbers or 1800, 1850 and 1890 phone numbers for members of the public to contact his Department or organisations under its aegis; the number of these that are completely free to call to persons that use mobile phones and may incur major bills phoning such organisations; if the situation will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36402/18]
- *1387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the review of the income limits for social housing support will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [36411/18]
- *1388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of fire fighters employed in each county in each of the past three years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [36439/18]
- *1389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the guidelines and rules in place for funding to local authorities in respect of turnkey housing schemes to be provided by the private sector; the maximum percentage a local authority can pay into an escrow account at the commencement of the process; if stage payments can be made during the building process; if the balance of the project is only payable on the completion of the houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36469/18]
- *1390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average connection fee charged by Irish Water for mains and sewerage for each local authority area in 2016, 2017 and 2018 in tabular form. — Declan Breathnach. [36493/18]
- *1391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason for the large discrepancies in the cost of new water and sewerage connections from one local authority area to another; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that 57 different connection charging regimes exist with over 900 different connection charges due to the fact that each local authority area has its own method for calculating connection charges with different cost structures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [36499/18]
- *1392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the Commission for Regulation of Utilities plans to publish recommendations regarding Irish Water's plan to charge a flat fee of €5,636 for connection to both water mains and sewerage; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that publication of this report has been delayed twice; if his attention has been further drawn to the discrepancies in charges for connections that exist from one area to another; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [36500/18]
- *1393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the new build housing target that was set for 2017; the way in which this compares to output by housing type; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36509/18]
- *1394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which the cost rental housing scheme at a location (details supplied) in Dublin 8 will operate; the persons that

will be eligible to rent these properties; the amount below market rents they will be rented for; if funding for this project can be considered off balance sheet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36514/18]

*1395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the Fire Safety Task Force established after the Grenfell Fire disaster submitted its report; if he has considered the conclusions and recommendations of same; the necessary actions to be taken on foot of the report to ensure fire safety with regard to high rise developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36516/18]

*1396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of inspections carried out in the rental sector in 2017; the number of non-compliant dwellings at first inspection in 2017 for each of the four Dublin local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36517/18]

*1397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of children and adults deemed homeless in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Louth in each of the past 12 months in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36551/18]

*1398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measures he is taking to increase the stock of social housing by 50,000 by 2021; the immediate measures he is taking to alleviate the plight of the increasing number of families presenting as homeless; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [36584/18]

*1399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measures he is taking to alleviate the crisis in student accommodation; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the severe shortage in rental accommodation is continuing to push rents upwards and out of the reach of most students that are then left with no choice but to defer their college place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [36585/18]

*1400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the full year cost of the HAP and RAS programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36596/18]

*1401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of dwellings that have been acquired on long-term leases for social housing in 2017 and to date in 2018; the number of those dwellings that are apartment dwellings; the number that are house dwellings; the length of the long-term leases per unit of all dwellings acquired; if the cost is fixed at time of acquirement or is subject to increase or decreases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36606/18]

*1402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the income thresholds will be increased for housing applicants to allow greater access to public housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [36641/18]

*1403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons on the Kildare County Council housing list in each of the years 2012 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [36665/18]

*1404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the balance of funding required to be provided by local authorities in addition to the funding they receive from his

Department to bring void council homes back into use; his plans to reduce that contribution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [36683/18]

*1405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of local authority homes that have been brought back into use by each local authority in each year since the scheme commenced in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [36684/18]

*1406. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the annual cost, number and location of social housing units in respect of which local authorities pay property management fees by local authority in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36734/18]

*1407. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to a shortfall in the funding allocated to Limerick City and County Council for the purpose of making adjustments to council owned houses for disabled persons; if an extra allocation will be allowed in 2018 to help reduce the backlog that has built up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [36754/18]

*1408. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to reduce the 10% deposit required to avail of a local authority housing loan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36763/18]

*1409. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which the population growth targets under the National Development Plan will be implemented in each local authority; the impact of same on the capacity of local authorities such as in County Wicklow to make provision for housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [36772/18]

*1410. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to invite proposals for the forthcoming national taking in charge scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [36799/18]

*1411. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to increase the income eligibility limits for social housing in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36857/18]

*1412. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to amend the conditions applicable to the tenant purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36858/18]

*1413. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if additional funding will be allocated in 2018 to Cavan County Council for house improvement schemes such as the housing adaptation scheme in view of the importance of these schemes particularly for elderly persons and persons in ill-health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36869/18]

*1414. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of homes proved under the affordable purchase scheme to date in 2018; the number anticipated in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36872/18]

*1415. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the serviced sites fund is included under current or capital allocations under Vote 34; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36874/18]

*1416. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the annual expenditure on the homeless housing assistance payment since its inception to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36875/18]

*1417. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the report of the working group on short-term lets submitted to his Department; and when a targeted public consultation will be initiated on its proposals. — Darragh O'Brien. [36876/18]

*1418. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the affordable dwellings fund will be established under Part 5 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36877/18]

*1419. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of units to be provided under the affordable housing scheme from 2018 to 2023 per annum in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36878/18]

*1420. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the anticipated launch date of the national regeneration and development agency; the per annum budget for the agency and its anticipated timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36879/18]

*1421. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the per annum target for the repair and lease scheme in 2018; the number delivered to date; the anticipated expenditure per annum from 2019 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36880/18]

*1422. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the special purpose vehicle research project for the investment of credit union funds in social housing will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36881/18]

*1423. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the proposed location of the headquarters of the regeneration and development agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36882/18]

*1424. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the estimated number of units to be delivered in each of the pilot projects for a new cost rental scheme; the timeframe for their delivery; the criteria for their allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36883/18]

*1425. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if county development plans currently under review should be suspended pending the issuing of regional planning guidelines with regard to the implementation roadmap for the National Planning Framework circular issued by his Department in July 2018. — Darragh O'Brien. [36884/18]

*1426. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his Department is tracking the identification of vacant land by local authorities under the vacant site tax; the acres identified in each local authority to date; the proportion of this land in which the owner has been

identified; the proportion of this land in which the owner has been notified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36929/18]

*1427. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the purchase by AHBs with public funds of properties being sold by vulture funds that were previously sold by NAMA; the cost of such acquisitions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36957/18]

*1428. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress being made in establishing a financial vehicle for credit unions to invest in social housing as promised under Rebuilding Ireland; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that credit unions will only be permitted to invest in such a financial vehicle that is regulated by the Central Bank; if his officials have consulted with the Central Bank on this; if the funding vehicle will be regulated by the Central Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36959/18]

*1429. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the unilateral decision by local authorities to alter the layout and chronology of the layout of the 2018/2019 electoral register and the local authorities' obligation to provide the register in a usable format for public representatives; if his Department has been involved in the decision to change the layout of the way in which the register is presented; the instructions his Department provides to local authorities in respect of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [36962/18]

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

*1430. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when a seal cull will take place (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36101/18]

*1431. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding available for a textile artist whose creative skills and dedication to their art has helped them overcome mental health challenges that could have been overwhelming; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [35430/18]

*1432. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if a building (details supplied) will be purchased for the local arts community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35555/18]

*1433. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question No. 2790 of 24 July 2018, the number of early years educational settings participating in the ECCE programme in the Gaeltacht that are operating through the medium of Irish; and the number of children that attended these services from September 2017. — Peadar Tóibín. [35602/18]

*1434. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the measures to be taken to ensure a monument (details supplied) does not fall into further disrepair; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35615/18]

*1435. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 410 and 411 of 21 July 2016, if the commitment given in the reply will be implemented (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35720/18]

*1436. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will address a matter regarding sick pay in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35860/18]

*1437. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of funding for an organisation (details supplied) in each of the past five years; if a copy of the service level agreement between her Department and the organisation will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35933/18]

*1438. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to the ongoing inappropriate management of grasslands at a location (details supplied); if the matter will be investigated in accordance with regulations 27, 28 and or 29 as relevant of European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 SI No. 477 of 2011; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36017/18]

*1439. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to invoke regulations 27, 28 and or 29 as relevant of SI No. 477 of 2011 to restrict and regulate the management of the grasslands at a location (details supplied) to ensure that the appropriate management of the grasslands is being adhered to in order to sustain the Brent geese population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36018/18]

*1440. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to restore the mid-Shannon walkway on the Meelick Weir following the damage caused by the severe flooding of November 2009; if the funding required will be ring fenced for this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [36064/18]

*1441. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when funding will be provided for a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36070/18]

*1442. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if funding is available for cultural groups to travel abroad to tour and perform; if funding is available as part of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations abroad; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [36158/18]

*1443. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if discussions will be held with Tipperary County Council in relation to a site (details supplied) in order to acquire and develop the site as a visitor centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [36302/18]

*1444. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cé méid airgead a ceadaíodh i 2018 chun oibreacha caipitil a dhéanamh ar na hoileáin amach ón gcósta, briste síos de réir an oileáin; cén daonra atá ag gach oileán atá i gceist; cén bunús ar a roinneadh an t-airgead; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36341/18]

*1445. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the position in her Department and the organisations under its aegis that have arrangements in place for lo-call numbers or 1800, 1850 and 1890 phone numbers for members of the public to contact his Department or organisations under its aegis; the number of these that are completely free to call to persons that use mobile phones and may incur major bills phoning such organisations; if the situation will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36395/18]

*1446. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the derogations sought by Ireland under the EU Birds Directive in respect of seagulls will be reviewed; the advice she has received regarding this matter; her views on whether action needs to be taken regarding a major problem with seagulls in the Dublin area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [36410/18]

*1447. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding that was sought for designated areas by her Department in the pre-budget submission for 2019; the number of persons that benefit from the NPWS farm plan scheme; if this scheme will be reinstated; her views on whether farmers with designated lands have been encumbered without financial reward for the protective management of these lands since 1996; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [36456/18]

*1448. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the W.B. Yeats collection which is exhibited at the National Library, Dublin can be loaned to Sligo County Council (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [36459/18]

*1449. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the position regarding the discussions that were ongoing earlier in 2018 in respect of a location and in respect of Parliamentary Question No. 623 of 24 April 2018 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36471/18]

*1450. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbeidh €1.2 milliún, mar a fógraíodh i mí an Mheithimh, ar fáil anois do Chlár na gCúntóirí Teanga atá reáchtáil ag Muintearas agus Oidhreacht Chorca Dhuibhne do na scoileanna Gaeltachta; cén dáta tosaithe a bheidh ag Clár na gCúntóirí Teanga i mbliana; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36511/18]

*1451. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an bhféadfaí cóip den tuarascáil a choimisiúnaigh a Roinn maidir le Clár na gCúntóirí Teanga a chur ar fáil; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36512/18]

*1452. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of State agencies operating unpaid internships in 2017 and 2018. — Sean Sherlock. [36672/18]

*1453. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the public service obligation air service to the Aran Islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [36718/18]

*1454. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the tender process in relation to the public service obligation air service to the Aran Islands will be completed and the successful tenderer in place to commence the service on 6 December 2018 when the current contract terminates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [36719/18]

*1455. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the stage the tendering process in relation to the public service obligation air service to the Aran Islands is at; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [36720/18]

*1456. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the work carried out by her officials to date on the preparation for the new contract in relation to the PSO air service to the Aran

Islands; the schedule of work; the timelines of the remainder of the work to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [36721/18]

*1457. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the new contract in relation to the public service obligation air service to the Aran Islands will be different to the current contract; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [36722/18]

*1458. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if representatives of the three island communities will be actively engaged in the formulation of the tender proposals and in the decision making process in selecting the successful operator for the public service obligation air service to the Aran Islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [36723/18]

*1459. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 389 of 26 September 2017 and 1640 of 17 April 2018 and further to a request made by the HSE to the islands division of her Department to acquire an identified site for a replacement primary health centre on Inisbofin, County Galway, if the site has been acquired; if not, when a decision will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36732/18]

*1460. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if EU regulations under the Habitats Directive in respect of brent geese feeding on a site (details supplied) will be enforced; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the owners of this site have allowed the grass to grow too long thus endangering these birds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [36758/18]

*1461. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén maoiniú atá ar fáil i mbliana d'Údarás na Gaeltachta chun tacú le fiontraíocht agus chun fostaíocht a chruthú sa Ghaeltacht agus an gcuirfear airgead caipitil ar fáil chuige sin sa Bhuiséad don bhliain seo chugainn mar atá geallta sa Phlean Forbartha Náisiúnta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36824/18]

*1462. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cé mhéad post atá ceadaithe go dtí seo ag Údarás na Gaeltachta sna Gaeltachtaí éagsúla agus cad iad na himpleachtaí atá ag an nganntanas maoinithe maidir le cur chun cinn na bpost seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36825/18]

*1463. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding awarded from January 2018 to date; the schemes under which funding was awarded; the application and selection process for each award of funding; the identity of the recipients of the funding; the amount of funding awarded in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36842/18]

*1464. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the boards under the remit of her Department on which there are vacancies; when the vacancies first arose; the status of the procedure to fill the vacancies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36843/18]

*1465. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the EU legislation awaiting transposition by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36844/18]