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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41459/18]

2. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the level of progress on the National Broadband Plan; the viability of the tender process; the date for signing of the tender agreement; and the expected date of completion of the National Broadband Plan. — Brian Stanley. [41257/18]

3. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to introduce a public service obligation for post offices in areas in which these post office are set to close; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41206/18]

4. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the State playing a leadership role in addressing climate change; the structures in place with others sections of Government to achieve this in particular in relation to the agriculture sector and public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [41258/18]

5. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the tendering process for the National Broadband Plan; if he is satisfied with the process to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [41465/18]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has given consideration to a model that does not rely on the private sector to roll out broadband infrastructure in view of the difficulties with the National Broadband Plan's tendering process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [41223/18]

7. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the National Broadband Plan tender process; when all homes and business in County Donegal will have access to high speed broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41061/18]

8. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the roll out of the National Broadband Plan in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41102/18]

9. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to set up a waste regulator for the industry in view of the recently published Consumer and Competition Protection Commission report which found that 25% of consumers in the greater Dublin area did not have the option of more than one service provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [41058/18]

10. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if alternative options such as those outlined at the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment in regard to the collection of the licence fee for RTÉ have been considered. — Brian Stanley. [41194/18]

11. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he has taken to improve broadband and connectivity services in a town (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [41222/18]

12. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the actions he plans to take in order to facilitate an end to the sale of combustion engine private cars by 2030. — Catherine Martin. [41105/18]

13. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he has taken to improve broadband and connectivity services in a town (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [41221/18]

14. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the immediate steps he is taking to ensure Ireland takes responsibility for its own energy supply; the increases there have been in the generation and supply of wind energy, solar PV energy, locally sourced biomass and biogas in each of the years 2015 to 2017 and to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [41059/18]

15. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a carbon tax on agriculture in line with Citizens' Assembly recommendations with a credit scheme for farmers that utilise lands for the planting of forestry or gift lands to Coillte has been considered; if similar ideas have been put forward by his Department; his views on the impact of agriculture on global warming and the relevantly low levels of forestry here compared to other European states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41212/18]

16. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if Ireland is supporting proposals for the EU to commit in the context of forthcoming COP24 in Katowice, to increasing the commitments in its Nationally Determined Contribution to bring it in line with the 1.5°C target in the Paris Agreement. — Eamon Ryan. [41106/18]

17. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which he plans to meet the target of 45,000 deep retrofits per annum by 2021. — Catherine Martin. [41104/18]

18. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which Ireland's commitments to climate action and carbon reduction as per international agreements remain likely to be on time; the extent to which corrective measures may be necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41204/18]

19. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason there is a 15% evasion rate in relation to the television licence fee. — Sean Sherlock. [41227/18]

20. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the Environmental Protection Agency's figures from May 2018 that emissions from those sectors of the economy covered by the 2009 effort-sharing decision could be between 0% and 1% below 2005 levels by 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [41176/18]

21. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he will take to address the concerns highlighted in the most recent report from the Climate Action Change Advisory Council indicating that carbon emissions are increasing instead of decreasing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [41063/18]

22. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the procurement team will announce its decision on the remaining bid for the NBP; the way in which this procurement process can have competitive tension with just one bidder; if it remains open to the team to reject this bid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [41215/18]

23. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the establishment of an eel hardship fund; when this fund will be issued; the amount that will be allocated; the time period in which eligible applicants will be paid; the qualifying criteria for the scheme; if all licence holders will be paid a fee; if the ESB has provided resources for such a fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41108/18]

24. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the office of the digital safety commissioner will be established; and if he has been lobbied by social media companies that seek to prevent the establishment of such an office. — Sean Sherlock. [41229/18]

25. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the monitoring and actions to be taken to address the opening of a sinkhole at Maghera cloone, County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41210/18]

26. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to the announced closure of 159 post offices and the ongoing review process for these post offices, the policy he has developed in terms of making progress towards changes in services available through the post office network or broadening services to maintain a viable network of post offices and maintain an efficient postal delivery service. — Brian Stanley. [41190/18]

27. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the introduction of multi-year whole economy carbon budgets as a useful tool to tackle climate change and adhere to targets as has been introduced in the UK; if he has brought this or similar

proposals to Cabinet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [41211/18]

28. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the level of use of single use plastics in public buildings; the likely environmental impact of a ban in public buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41208/18]

29. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his policy for the development of alternative energy sources to fossil fuels in respect of the decarbonisation of the environment and reaching emission reduction targets. — Brian Stanley. [41193/18]

30. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the commitment to provide high speed broadband to each house and business in County Donegal; the deadline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41060/18]

31. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which the development of a liquefied natural gas facility here would be compatible with the State’s commitment to tackling climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [41175/18]

32. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his Department has considered a different model of household waste collection. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [41137/18]

33. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to publish a task force on digital piracy. — Sean Sherlock. [41226/18]

34. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the formal or informal discussions he has had with representatives of the remaining consortium competing for the National Broadband Plan. — Bríd Smith. [41214/18]

35. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the Citizens’ Assembly recommendation that there should be community or public ownership of future renewable energy projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [41224/18]

36. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to increase the speed of the roll out of brown bins for organic waste in view of a recent CCPC report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41207/18]

37. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the studies his Department has conducted on alternative collection models for household waste here. — John Brady. [41127/18]

38. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his Department has reviewed the current unique model of collection here in view of the difficulties outlined in a recent report by the CCPC on household waste collection. — John Brady. [41126/18]

39. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the meetings he has had with potential bidders to the National Broadband Plan within the past two months; when the meetings took place; and the topics discussed at the meetings. — Sean Sherlock. [41225/18]

40. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to establish a different model of collection for household waste in view of the report from the CCPC on the household waste collection market. — Brian Stanley. [41191/18]

41. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent of the progress to date in the provision of high quality, high speed broadband throughout the country; the progress in respect of the linking up of coverage and elimination of black spots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41205/18]

42. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the problems of the current household waste market structure here in view of a report by the CCPC recently. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [41138/18]

43. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the findings of two independent studies in relation to the North-South Interconnector project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [40942/18]

44. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to use his powers under the Electricity Regulation Act 1999 to issue a policy direction to the Commission for Regulation of Utilities regarding energy supply markets and its resultant effect on prices for householders. — Brian Stanley. [41192/18]

45. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a policy review of waste management here will be conducted in view of the publication of the recommendations of the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission's report into the operation of household waste collection. — Clare Daly. [41062/18]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*46. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 75 of 3 October 2018, if the gap analysis of skills sets in the Permanent Defence Forces has commenced; when it will conclude; and the steps that will be taken following this gap analysis to address skills gaps. — Clare Daly. [41323/18]

*47. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to conduct an independent external review of Defence Forces human resources management in view of the retention crisis in the organisation. — Clare Daly. [41324/18]

*48. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the staffing levels at Baldonnell Aerodrome in each of the years 2011 to 2017 and to date in 2018. — John Lahart. [41441/18]

*49. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the potential of the Air Corps being redeployed to provide helicopter support services for the Irish Coast Guard has been examined;

and if a business case or cost-benefit analysis will be requested in order to examine this potential. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [41444/18]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*50. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the recruitment of 450 new customs officials in view of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41272/18]

*51. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans in Budget 2019 to reduce the rate of VAT on non-oral animal medicines from the current rate of 23% to a rate of 5% as allowable under Directive 2006/112/EC. — Carol Nolan. [41424/18]

*52. To ask the Minister for Finance if provision will be made in Budget 2019 to decouple agricultural property from commercial property; and his plans to make provision for stamp duty rates in line with the current residential rates of 1% and 2%. — Carol Nolan. [41425/18]

*53. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an analysis of the known losses carried forward for corporation tax purposes at 31 December 2015, 2016 and 2017, respectively under each heading (details supplied) by general NACE classifications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41279/18]

*54. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an analysis of the known losses carried forward for income tax purposes at 31 December 2015, 2016 and 2017, respectively under headings (details supplied) by general NACE classifications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41280/18]

*55. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an analysis of known losses carried forward for corporation tax purposes at 31 December 2015, 2016 and 2017 under headings (details supplied) by general NACE classifications, which are more than five and ten years old; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41281/18]

*56. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether it is time limit all losses forward for income and or corporation tax purposes; the estimated yield of such an action in a full year; if a time to limit was set at five or ten years, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41282/18]

*57. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated increase in the number of high net worth individuals dealt with by the Revenue Commissioners' large cases division if the threshold for inclusion was reduced to €30 million; the additional resources which would be required to provide for such a reduction; if such resources will be made available to the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41283/18]

*58. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated increase in the number of high net worth individuals dealt with by the Revenue Commissioners' large cases division if the threshold for inclusion was reduced to €20 million; the additional resources which would be required to provide for such a reduction; if such resources will be made available to the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41284/18]

*59. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated increase in the number of high net worth individuals dealt with by the Revenue Commissioners' large cases division if the threshold for inclusion was reduced to €10 million; the additional resources which would be required to provide

for such a reduction; if such resources will be made available to the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41285/18]

*60. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of new cases added to the high net worth individuals unit in the Revenue Commissioners' large cases division in each year since the unit's formation in 2003; the number of cases dropped and moved to other units of the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41286/18]

*61. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated additional audit yield if a properly resourced high net worth individuals unit took responsibility for those with net assets greater than €10, €20 and €30 million, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41287/18]

*62. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 281 of 17 April 2018, his plans to introduce tax relief on membership subscriptions to trade unions as applies to costs for membership or subscriptions to professional bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41495/18]

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

*63. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost of accrued pension rights for serving civil servants up to 31 December in each of the years 2014 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41274/18]

*64. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost of accrued pension rights for serving primary school teachers up to 31 December in each of the years 2014 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41275/18]

*65. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost of accrued pension rights for serving secondary school teachers up to 31 December in each of the years 2014 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41276/18]

*66. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost of accrued pension rights for all serving health service workers up to 31 December in each of the years 2014 to 2018, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41277/18]

*67. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a matter relating to the plans to increase the compulsory retirement age in the public sector (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41312/18]

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

*68. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding will be restored in Budget 2019 for middle management teaching posts in national schools. — Carol Nolan. [41417/18]

*69. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding resources will be provided in Budget 2019 to reduce class sizes in DEIS schools. — Carol Nolan. [41418/18]

*70. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if pay equality will be restored for teachers in Budget 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41419/18]

*71. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if provision will be made in Budget 2019 to increase the capitation grant to primary schools. — Carol Nolan. [41420/18]

*72. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if provision will be made in Budget 2019 to increase the annual minor works grant to primary schools. — Carol Nolan. [41421/18]

*73. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a taxi under the school transport scheme will be provided for a person (details supplied) to transport them to and from an ASD unit in a school. — Billy Kelleher. [41273/18]

*74. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a solution will be provided for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41298/18]

*75. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the digitisation of files under the National Educational and Psychological Service; and if paper based files are still in use. — Patrick O'Donovan. [41322/18]

*76. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding an application for an extension and associated building works by a school (details supplied) to the school capitals appraisal section, planning and building unit; if his attention has been drawn to the need for an efficient decision to be returned urgently in order that the school can apply for planning permission in advance of the next academic year when it will facilitate an extra class; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [41325/18]

*77. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason new full-time primary school teachers have to wait six weeks to receive their first salary payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41329/18]

*78. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if students can lose their SUSI grant if they register as homeless. — Róisín Shortall. [41385/18]

*79. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41391/18]

*80. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a grant application for an ASD unit for a college (details supplied) will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [41394/18]

*81. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of developments with regard to the provision of a new post primary school serving Citywest, Dublin 24. — John Lahart. [41395/18]

*82. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of school building projects for schools (details supplied) in Dublin 24. — John Lahart. [41396/18]

*83. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of developments with regard to a project at a school (details supplied). — John Lahart. [41397/18]

*84. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the primary school grants calendar will be issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41400/18]

*85. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if provision will be made in Budget 2019 to provide teaching principals with one day per week administrative relief substitution cover. — Carol Nolan. [41414/18]

*86. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter in relation to a school (details supplied) in County Kerry. — Brendan Griffin. [41415/18]

*87. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to review the criteria that must be met by students with regard to SUSI grants particularly in the case of students that miss out on a grant by very small amounts. — John Lahart. [41426/18]

*88. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the interpretation by SUSI in respect of GDPR regulations when making representations on behalf of students and their families with respect to grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41427/18]

*89. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which the NCCA developed curriculum for religious education serves to meet the religious instruction requirements of the Catholic Church with regard to circular 0013/2018; the reason this feature of the curriculum is necessary for multi-denominational and ETB schools; if students will be able to opt out of these classes; if not, the reason this is the case in view of the fact that they are designed to meet the religious instruction requirements of one particular faith; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41471/18]

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

*90. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to commence Part 9 of the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [41398/18]

*91. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) will be included in the next conferring ceremony. — Robert Troy. [41307/18]

*92. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce a language test as part of the citizenship application; if so, the way in which such a test will operate; when it will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41443/18]

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

*93. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the engagement the Irish Embassy has to support exporters to the United Kingdom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [41320/18]

*94. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the supports in place for Irish exporters to the UK in context of Brexit. — Patrick O'Donovan. [41326/18]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*95. To ask the Minister for Health if the RLSS first aid qualification will be recognised here. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41293/18]

*96. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to have a hip operation at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [41288/18]

*97. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive an orthodontic appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [41289/18]

*98. To ask the Minister for Health when the transition of services from the school age disability team to the progressing children's disability services is likely to be complete. — Clare Daly. [41302/18]

*99. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to deal with the block in providing assessments by the school age disability team that are running at capacity while children with complex needs appointments are delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [41303/18]

*100. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for an additional community based diabetes podiatrist in County Limerick will be made available in Budget 2019; the reason for the sudden increase of foot ulceration treatment and lower limb amputation in County Limerick (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [41306/18]

*101. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish a human milk bank here. — Clare Daly. [41311/18]

*102. To ask the Minister for Health the primary care centre projects announced on 17 July 2012, in tabular form; the status of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [41314/18]

*103. To ask the Minister for Health when a trust in care activated in May 2018 in relation to a person (details supplied) will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [41315/18]

*104. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is on a waiting list for a procedure; the number of persons on this waiting list; the expected waiting time; if this procedure is available in the public health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [41316/18]

*105. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision of a suitable placement for a child (details supplied) in Dublin 16; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41317/18]

*106. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent psychologist vacancies in primary care by community healthcare organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [41327/18]

*107. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent psychologist vacancies in the child and adolescent mental health service by community healthcare organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [41328/18]

*108. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 160 of 20 September 2018, if persons (details supplied) can provide the evidence that they circulated the appeals circular to all staff in SSWHG as they do with all circulars. — Clare Daly. [41334/18]

*109. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 586 of 7 September 2018, if the complainants referred to were subsequently regularised; and if not, if they were informed it was too late to go through the appeals process. — Clare Daly. [41335/18]

*110. To ask the Minister for Health if a review will be conducted and a process commenced such that those that are entitled to full regularised posts under circular 017/2013 but that have not yet been regularised are given an automatic entitlement to their posts and redress for withheld wages or if it is intended that redress must be sought on an individual basis via the court system. — Clare Daly. [41336/18]

*111. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade at which they are employed in the radiography unit at Louth County Hospital; the number of persons on the waiting list for general x-ray, ultrasound, vascular ultrasound and CT scans; the length of time they have been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies that exists within the radiography department. — Gerry Adams. [41339/18]

*112. To ask the Minister for Health the hours per week which the CT scanner in Louth County Hospital is operative. — Gerry Adams. [41340/18]

*113. To ask the Minister for Health the occupational therapy services currently provided at Louth County Hospital; the number of persons on the waiting list for this therapy; the length of time they have been waiting; the number of staff employed in occupational therapy; the grade in which they are employed; and the number of staff vacancies within the said department. — Gerry Adams. [41341/18]

*114. To ask the Minister for Health the number of surgical beds open in Louth County Hospital day service unit; the number of staff employed in this unit; the grade in which they are employed; and the number of vacancies within the unit. — Gerry Adams. [41342/18]

*115. To ask the Minister for Health the number of days the geriatric service unit operates at Louth County Hospital; the number of persons on the waiting list for the service; the length of time they have been waiting; the number of staff employed in this unit; the grade at which they are employed; and the number of vacancies within the day service unit. — Gerry Adams. [41343/18]

*116. To ask the Minister for Health the number of days the venesection unit operates at Louth County Hospital; the number of persons on the waiting list for the unit; the length of time they have been waiting; the number of staff employed in this unit; the grade in which they are employed; and the number of vacancies within the day service unit. — Gerry Adams. [41344/18]

*117. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff employed in the colposcopy unit at Louth County Hospital; the number of persons on the waiting list for this unit; the length of time they have been waiting; the number of staff employed in colposcopy; the grade in which they are employed; and the number of staff vacancies within the colposcopy department. — Gerry Adams. [41345/18]

*118. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade at which they are employed in the smoking cessation unit at Louth County Hospital; the number of persons on the waiting list

for this unit; the length of time they have been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the smoking cessation department. — Gerry Adams. [41346/18]

*119. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have been treated in the minor injuries unit at Louth County Hospital in each month to date in 2018; and the number in the age bracket of 5 to 14 that have been treated since the expansion of the service to this age cohort. — Gerry Adams. [41347/18]

*120. To ask the Minister for Health the opening hours of the MIU at Louth County Hospital; and his plans to extend these opening hours. — Gerry Adams. [41348/18]

*121. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in the venesection unit at Louth County Hospital; the number of days per week it is operative; if there is a waiting list for this unit; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41349/18]

*122. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade at which they are employed in the direct access elderly assessment service at Louth County Hospital; the number of days per week it is operative; if there is a waiting list for this unit; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41350/18]

*123. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds open at the stroke rehabilitation unit at Louth County Hospital; the number of staff and the grade at which they are employed in the unit; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41351/18]

*124. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in the genito urinary clinic at Louth County Hospital; the number of days per week it is operative; if there is a waiting list for this unit; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41352/18]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in the cardiology service at Louth County Hospital; the number of days per week it is operative; if there is a waiting list for this unit; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41353/18]

*126. To ask the Minister for Health if respite care will be provided to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41359/18]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in general medicine at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41360/18]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in emergency medicine at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41361/18]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in cardiology at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if

so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41362/18]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in endocrinology at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41363/18]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in the early pregnancy unit at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41364/18]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in oncology at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41365/18]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in dermatology at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41366/18]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in geriatric medicine at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41367/18]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in gastroenterology at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41368/18]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in respiratory medicine at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41369/18]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in physical medicine at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41370/18]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade at which they are employed in pathology services at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41371/18]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in palliative care at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41372/18]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in general surgery at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41373/18]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in orthopaedics at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41374/18]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in urology at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41375/18]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in intensive care at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41376/18]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in ENT at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41377/18]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in anaesthetics at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41378/18]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in radiology at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41379/18]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health the hours per week which the CT scanner in Louth County Hospital is operative. — Gerry Adams. [41380/18]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and the grade in which they are employed in the emergency department at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if there is a waiting list for this unit; if so, the number of persons on the waiting list; the length of time they been waiting; and the number of staff vacancies within the department. — Gerry Adams. [41381/18]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a free care system for persons over 21 years of age for the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [41388/18]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the roll out of the employability programme in association with mental health organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41393/18]

*151. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no additional budgets covering the alcohol remit has been granted to drugs and alcohol task forces in view of the fact that alcohol was added to the remit of drugs task forces some years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41401/18]

*152. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocation to the drugs and alcohol task forces that operate in County Dublin in each of the years 2011 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41402/18]

*153. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the suspension of the two projects vital to future developments at Tallaght University Hospital; when these projects will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41403/18]

*154. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the opening of the new national children's hospital to be located at St. James's Hospital, Dublin 8. — John Lahart. [41404/18]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements being made for parking at the new national children's hospital; the number of parking spaces that will be available on site; the number of these which will be allocated to patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41405/18]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health the building timeline for the national children's hospital satellite located at Tallaght University Hospital; the services to be provided there; and if helicopter transfer will be available for acute patients. — John Lahart. [41406/18]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health the details of primary care centres in an area (details supplied). — John Lahart. [41407/18]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the ownership of the proposed new national maternity hospital. — John Lahart. [41408/18]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health the funding mechanism for the new national maternity hospital. — John Lahart. [41409/18]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners in private practice in an area (details supplied); the number due to retire in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41410/18]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the large backlog of persons awaiting approval of homecare packages in the CHO7 region; his plans to increase the funds for homecare in that area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41411/18]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed primary care centre to be located on a site (details supplied); the services to be provided; the anchor general practitioners that will take up residency; the areas to be serviced; the timeline for the construction and opening of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41412/18]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug Cariban available on the GMS and DPS schemes for the treatment of hyperemesis gravidarum for pregnant women will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41428/18]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health the status of joint operations at University Hospital Kerry; and the number of patients waiting for same at the hospital. — Martin Ferris. [41451/18]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health when the new operating theatre at University Hospital Kerry is expected to be in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [41452/18]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health if a request from an association (details supplied) for additional investment in services will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41472/18]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health when full dental services will be provided in Carrick-on-Suir primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41476/18]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided by the HSE to an organisation (details supplied) in County Sligo in 2016 and 2017, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [41477/18]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to an application by a group (details supplied) for funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41492/18]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health the details of each building project at each development stage including new builds, extensions and improvements; the cost of each project by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41493/18]

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

*171. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if provision will be made in Budget 2019 to provide low cost loans to farmers. — Carol Nolan. [41473/18]

*172. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the Marine Institute of Ireland will complete assessments pursuant to the EU Birds and Habitats Directive in respect of a person (details supplied) who has applied for a licence to harvest oysters. — Gerry Adams. [41266/18]

*173. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the works proposed for Killybegs Harbour centre will proceed as planned in 2018 and 2019; if the next phase of the deep sea dredging works will be tendered for in the last quarter of 2018 as already committed to; if the funding for the project is ring-fenced and secure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41299/18]

*174. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the €10 million required for the Killybegs Harbour centre is budgeted for in the 2019 estimates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41300/18]

*175. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the timeframe for the tendering and complete delivery of the next phase of the Killybegs Harbour centre extension specifically the deep sea dredging which will prepare for works including the construction of the extension to the harbour and provision of a harbour wall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41301/18]

*176. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority has made representations to the Department of Defence or the Naval Service in regard to the number of boardings carried out by the Naval Service in 2018. — Clare Daly. [41321/18]

*177. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41337/18]

*178. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the person or organisation that holds title to the lands comprising Dundalk racecourse. — Clare Daly. [41356/18]

*179. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his sanction was sought and given prior to Horse Racing Ireland extending a loan to Dundalk stadium management to fund the redevelopment of Dundalk stadium; and if evidence of title over the lands involved was sought and received by Horse Racing Ireland prior to this loan being extended. — Clare Daly. [41357/18]

*180. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an ANC payment will issue to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [41442/18]

*181. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to amend the scheme of grant aid towards the provision or upgrading of poultry units to include turkey grow houses which are excluded at present from grant aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41490/18]

*182. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if grant aid will be introduced towards the provision of new or upgraded poultry units for turkeys in view of the potential of growing this particular market and substitute for imports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41491/18]

*183. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if action is being taken, including the withdrawal of an animal transportation licence in relation to a person (details supplied). — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41513/18]

*184. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a ban on fur farming will be introduced in 2018 in view of the growing level of support for an end to fur farming and the increasing list of countries banning it. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41514/18]

*185. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the subsidising of greyhound tracks with public funds will cease in view of falling attendances at greyhound tracks, the significant financial losses at tracks and the ongoing injuries and deaths suffered by greyhounds. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41515/18]

*186. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a badger vaccination programme announced earlier in 2018 has commenced; and his plans to end the culling of badgers which has caused an estimated 120,000 deaths to date. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41516/18]

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

*187. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the contingency plans in the event that the remaining bid for the National Broadband Plan is deemed untenable by

the procurement team or otherwise becomes inoperable; the estimated costs of the NBP; the cost to date of the tendering process undertaking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [41487/18]

*188. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when high speed broadband will be installed in the Corrigeenroe, Boyle, County Roscommon; the timeline for same; if the work will involve running broadband boxes on poles from the exchange in Boyle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41268/18]

*189. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will make contact with ESB networks in order to identify a person within the company that Deputies can contact to highlight local issues with regard to upgrade works that need to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [41290/18]

*190. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to increase the level of grant aid in Budget 2019 for domestic solar energy systems; and his further plans to reduce the current average nine year wait time for a return on investment to a more attractive five year payback period. — Carol Nolan. [41422/18]

*191. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to introduce an incentive scheme in Budget 2019 to subsidise the cost of connecting agriculture solar energy suppliers to the ESB Networks grid in order to incentivise producers to contribute non-storable surplus to the grid in the absence of export tariffs for the supply of solar energy for same. — Carol Nolan. [41423/18]

*192. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the monitoring undertaken of the roll out of broadband in the DARK BLUE areas of the National Broadband Plan map; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41429/18]

*193. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the deadline for the roll out of broadband to the DARK BLUE areas of the National Broadband Plan map; if a previous deadline was in place; if this deadline was reviewed; the reason for the review; the changes to each deadline put in place since publication of the map; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41430/18]

*194. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the course of action he plans to take in respect of the North-South Interconnector project having considered the two independent reports; and if he will support an over ground or an underground option of the pylon project. — Shane Cassells. [41486/18]

*195. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the grounds on which the SEAI will provide free window replacements under the warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41494/18]

*196. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the actions he has taken or plans to take to address priorities in regard to climate action; the extent to which such action taken or proposed is likely to impact positively in the context of climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41496/18]

*197. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when it is expected that wind, hydro or solar alternative energy production methods are likely to reach the

required level to ensure grid reliability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41497/18]

*198. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he is most likely to undertake to achieve maximum beneficial effect in the context of carbon reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41498/18]

*199. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which dependency on fossil fuels has been reduced in the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41499/18]

*200. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which an economic evaluation has been carried out of a shift away from dependency on fossil fuels here without reliance on imports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41500/18]

*201. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures he has taken or plans to take to address the issues identified by climatologists as being the most relevant and necessary to address in the short to medium-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41501/18]

*202. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he remains satisfied in regard to the programme to deliver high quality high speed broadband on par with the best available internationally through all areas throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41502/18]

*203. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of households provided with adequate broadband facilities throughout the country; his plans to extend services to current or anticipated black spots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41503/18]

*204. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if directly or through the aegis of the regulator he can identify or audit particular areas throughout the country that do not have adequate mobile telephone coverage or quality; his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41504/18]

*205. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason mobile telephone customers in all areas throughout the country cannot have a service on par to the quality service in Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41505/18]

*206. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the combined electricity generating capacity of solar energy farms for which planning permission has been granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41506/18]

*207. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the degree to which his Department has evaluated the potential for alternative generating capacity to meet in full or as near as possible thereto to meet the requirements of the grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41507/18]

*208. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to ensure security of electricity supply in a switch from fossil fuels to alternative energy without increased dependency on imports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41508/18]

*209. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which the economic benefits accruing to the economy from a switch to home based alternative electricity generation have been identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41509/18]

*210. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a means can be found to incentivise a reduction in the use of plastic wrappings and containers that are non-biodegradable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41510/18]

*211. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which landfill sites are being replaced with alternative means of waste disposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41511/18]

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

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the spending on cycling in each of the years 2015 to 2017 and to date in 2018 as a proportion of spending on transport in general. — John Lahart. [41399/18]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if all of the new Luas trams which have been delivered are in use and on the line on which they are used. — John Lahart. [41432/18]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the six Luas trams which were transferred from the Red to the Green line have been replaced in view of the fact that commuters along the Red line report significant overcrowding at some Red line Luas stops. — John Lahart. [41433/18]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress that has been made with regard to the initiation of dedicated transport police; and his views on whether such transport police ought to be a unit of An Garda Síochána or similar to the Airport Police. — John Lahart. [41434/18]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the next BusConnects public consultation will commence; and the timeframe for the NTA to deal with the first phase of consultation. — John Lahart. [41435/18]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the spend for Bus Rapid Transit; and the outcome of same. — John Lahart. [41436/18]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the net increase in the fleet of Dublin Bus since 2015. — John Lahart. [41437/18]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a consultant (details supplied) was the sole consultant considered for the BusConnects design project. — John Lahart. [41438/18]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the tender process in advance of the appointment of a person (details supplied) as a consultant on the BusConnects project. — John Lahart. [41439/18]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the role of Dublin Bus in terms of the design of the proposed BusConnects changes to bus services in Dublin city. — John Lahart. [41440/18]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the action being taken by Shannon Airport DAC to fill the known equipment and service void and to avoid aisle chair transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41463/18]

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

*223. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the new GDPR regulations will impact on the ability of an adopted person in tracing their birth parents; the measures she is taking to reduce the impediment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [41292/18]

*224. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 517 of 2 October 2018 (details supplied), if guidance has been provided to social workers in regard to the threshold for a risk assessment, home visits, monitoring or other protective measures that should be taken if suspicions of abuse remain, if a child makes subsequent disclosures of abuse following a finding of unfounded and if the finding of unfounded only just meets the threshold for same. — Clare Daly. [41297/18]

*225. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 437 of 25 September 2018, if Tusla social workers will facilitate a parent or guardian in securing a second opinion following a finding of unfounded by an organisation (details supplied) in regard to an allegation of child sexual abuse. — Clare Daly. [41330/18]

*226. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of whole-time equivalent education welfare officers employed by the education welfare officer; the location of each; the child population served in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41358/18]

*227. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the fact that some children are being denied a second ECCE year in the scheme that was expanded to two years from September 2018, and due to implemented changes in that extension of the scheme a full calendar year is assessed in the child's birth year as opposed to a quarterly assessment approach (details supplied); if there is discretion in the scheme to allow parents to avail of both years; the number of children in this cohort that are similarly affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41382/18]

*228. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 571 of 2 October 2018, the reason Tusla does not collect data on the number of child sexual abuse assessments that make findings of founded or unfounded, respectively; her views on whether a failure to collect such data precludes pattern analysis that might detect risks or anomalies in rates of findings across different service areas; and if she will convey to Tusla the importance of this data being collected and analysed. — Clare Daly. [41383/18]

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

*229. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to introduce legislation for dog trainers that train to assist persons with disabilities. — Niamh Smyth. [41269/18]

*230. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans in Budget 2019 to continue the local improvement scheme; and his further plans to increase the level of funding available in the next round. — Carol Nolan. [41416/18]

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

*231. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of members of the Defence Forces that are receiving working family payments; the overall annual cost of these payments to members of the Defence Forces; the largest sum paid to a member of the Defence Forces in the past year for which figures are available; and the average sum paid. — Róisín Shortall. [41384/18]

*232. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she is taking to reduce costs for parents of children with autism spectrum disorders in view of the recent publication of a report which indicates a significant financial burden for parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41431/18]

*233. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the date on which referrals to JobPath will cease in 2019. — John Brady. [41267/18]

*234. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the percentage of new forms being received by the illness benefit section since their introduction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [41270/18]

*235. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons awaiting a decision on their illness benefit application; the average waiting time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [41271/18]

*236. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application by a person (details supplied) to be placed on the back to work scheme will be reviewed; and if an exception will be made to allow them access to the scheme. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [41291/18]

*237. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason there were long delays with issuing the payment of the back to school clothing and footwear allowance in 2018; if provisions were put in place for families awaiting the payment; if she will consider putting mechanisms in place to ensure delays with issuing the payment do not occur in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [41331/18]

*238. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when an illness benefit payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41338/18]

*239. 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. [41413/18]

*240. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the payments or supports available for a foster parent that fosters young children and that as a consequence is not available to seek full-time work and thus will not qualify for jobseeker's allowance. — Bríd Smith. [41445/18]

*241. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the payment made by Tusla for fostering is not taken into account when means testing a foster parent's entitlement to social welfare payments; and the support available when the only payment entering such a household is the Tusla foster care allowance and child benefit allowance. — Bríd Smith. [41446/18]

*242. 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. [41453/18]

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

*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of solar energy farms for which planning permission has been granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41506/18]

*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if some county councils require that applicants for Rebuilding Ireland home loans pay council legal fees as part of the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [41313/18]

*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to an anomaly in the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme whereby some applicants are being forced to foot legal fees in local authority areas in which there is no dedicated council law department; his views on whether this geographic lottery and the associated costs is an unfair burden on applicants; the steps he will take to address this anomaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41318/18]

*246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the phenomenon of five night leasing affecting students in which a student must leave the property and take away all belongings on Friday to return on Sunday evening in order that the property can be used for rental (details supplied) over the weekend; and if this issue will be addressed in his review of legislation governing short-term rentals. — Róisín Shortall. [41386/18]

*247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the requirements in relation to the maximum number of bed spaces per square metre in student accommodation. — Róisín Shortall. [41387/18]

*248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if it is a reserve power of the county manager to sell sites owned by the council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maria Bailey. [41488/18]

*249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if it is a reserve power for county councillors to determine the county capital budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maria Bailey. [41489/18]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 2018**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position with regard to discussions in relation to the next CAP reform; and his priorities for the next CAP. — Tom Neville. [41294/18]

2. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce a new low cost loan scheme to help farmers as debts and costs mount. — Jackie Cahill. [41474/18]

3. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 592 of 18 September 2018, if he is satisfied that local authorities are enforcing the Control of Horses Act 1996 adequately; his views on having multiple horse wardens with a particular focus on problem areas for horse abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [41482/18]

4. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress in securing new markets for Irish agri-food products in 2018; and the details of forthcoming trade missions. — Peter Burke. [41355/18]

5. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which the amount of financial support sheep farmers have received is measured. — Tony McLoughlin. [41461/18]

6. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the operational details of the various Brexit loan schemes announced in Budget 2018 for farmers, fishermen and food businesses in 2018; when it will open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41454/18]

7. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to protect the interests of beef farmers in view of understandable frustration at poor prices and the ongoing systemic flaws in the relationship between farmers and factories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [41263/18]

8. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to commence the introduction of a €200 annual payment for suckler cows under the RDP to ensure the sustainability of the national herd; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41457/18]

9. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to make sheep farming a more economically viable activity. — Aindrias Moynihan. [41447/18]

10. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he plans to support the harness racing sector in the future. — Martin Kenny. [41469/18]

11. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce a 100% reduction in the basic payment scheme on all payments over €60,000 in the new CAP. — Martin Kenny. [41467/18]

12. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports he plans to introduce for farmers in crisis in winter 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41265/18]

13. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to open a new low-cost loan scheme to support farmers with cash flow issues arising from increased costs associated with the fodder crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41455/18]

14. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the price beef farmers are receiving for their produce from factories; if he will report on the discussions at the recent beef forum; the actions and deadlines agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41458/18]

15. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to invest in the sugar beet sector. — Martin Kenny. [41468/18]

16. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the ANC review with regard to redesignation using a set list of bio-physical criteria; if the new approach must be introduced from January 2019; if mapping of all ANC lands is complete; the specific actions completed to date by officials; the details of the actions outstanding; when the final ANC data will be submitted to the EU Commission in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41456/18]

17. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the review and cost-benefit analysis of the regional veterinary laboratory in County Kilkenny which serves the farmers of the entire south east region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [41304/18]

18. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that have been taken to ensure that cross-Border veterinary regulations and standards will be maintained after Brexit. — Martin Kenny. [41470/18]

19. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to improve the compliance rate of microchipping for Irish greyhounds that are being sold to the UK. — Clare Daly. [41259/18]

20. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the organisations he and his officials have met in relation to the export of greyhounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41389/18]

21. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the latest developments regarding SMP intervention at EU level; the data on sales; the EU Commission's plans for SMP intervention tendering in 2019; and his views in relation to same. — Jackie Cahill. [41475/18]

22. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if exemptions will be removed from blood sports from the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013, in view of the suffering and death caused to hares and foxes during coursing and foxhunting activities. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [41483/18]

23. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will amend the Greyhound Industry Bill 2017 to include the white list of countries in which it is permissible for greyhounds to be exported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41390/18]

24. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he has taken to ensure that farmers will not be forced to endure delays in receiving payments later in 2018 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [41305/18]

25. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to ensure that the requirements of legislation for the transportation of dogs and pups to and from dog breeding establishments are met by parties in the UK in the aftermath of Brexit. — Clare Daly. [41260/18]

26. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts being made to safeguard the fishing sector in the context of Brexit. — Tony McLoughlin. [41462/18]

27. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of agricultural land here used to grow vegetables; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [41450/18]

28. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts being made to ensure all applications under the areas of natural constraints scheme selected for a remote sensing eligibility inspection are carried out at the earliest date; when all finalised ANC payments will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [41016/18]

29. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the Killybegs Harbour works will commence; if no delays have occurred on this project or that other harbour projects have been prioritised over Killybegs to date; the timeline for the Killybegs project moving forward; if the necessary funding is in place and ring-fenced for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41262/18]

30. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made by the agri-food sector here in developing a market for Irish beef in China. — Peter Burke. [41354/18]

31. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the recently published advice of an organisation (details supplied) which advocates a possible 68% cut in the mackerel total allowable catch for 2019; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the advice is totally flawed as the actual stocks are not in decline; the steps he will take to avoid coastal states adopting the flawed advice in order to prevent wipeout of the pelagic sector; the bilateral discussions he has undertaken with other coastal states to date on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41261/18]

32. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to encourage new persons to consider sheep farming as a viable occupation. — Aindrias Moynihan. [41448/18]

33. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the work ongoing in his Department in addressing climate change; the schemes in place to help farmers improve their

farms' environmental performance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [41295/18]

34. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports provided to Bord Bia to assist Irish agri-food businesses to find new markets for their produce in the context of a potentially changed trading environment post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [41296/18]

35. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied regarding the action taken to date or likely to be taken to offset the impact of Brexit on the agri-food sector with particular reference to the possibility of a no-deal Brexit; if he is further satisfied that all has to be done in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41480/18]

36. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the use of glyphosate will be reconsidered in view of the findings of the Dewayne Johnson court case in California; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [41449/18]

37. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and location of trade visits he and officials from his Department have undertaken or are scheduled to undertake including his forthcoming visit to Indonesia and Malaysia for the specific purpose of identifying new markets for Irish agri-food products most likely to be affected by Brexit; the value to the economy of already identified or to be identified new markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41481/18]