



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**  
**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to commence the process of working towards 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. [41646/18]

2. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he plans to tackle the crisis in the beef and suckling sector. — Martin Kenny. [41466/18]

3. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the price beef farmers are receiving for their produce from factories; the details of the discussions at the recent beef forum meeting; the actions and deadlines agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41647/18]

4. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he is taking to put in place for the fodder crisis; the measures he is taking to import high concentrate foods to make up for fodder shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41636/18]

5. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his contingency plans both short and long-term in the context of a Brexit both with and without a backstop in view of well established and highly integrated Ireland and UK supply chains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41575/18]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

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

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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 the wipe out 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

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**CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA**  
**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

\*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to introduce an aptitude test as part of the selection process for election observers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41580/18]

\*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the outcome of the recent discussions in Northern Ireland with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and with the political parties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41638/18]

*Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.*

\*45. To ask the Minister for Finance if the single parent tax credit will be reinstated for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41547/18]

\*46. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he has taken to investigate reported breaches of the tax benefits enjoyed by the film industry here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [41557/18]

\*47. To ask the Minister for Finance if changes will be introduced to bring clarity and consistency to the VAT rating of health food supplements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41553/18]

\*48. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding seized clothing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41584/18]

\*49. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that there is sufficient staff at Irish ports and airports to monitor single parcel consignments entering the country particularly from non-EU countries; if he has quantified the effect of illegal imports on the market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [41593/18]

\*50. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost in tax forgone from mortgage interest relief on rental income for each year since the relief was introduced. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41602/18]

\*51. To ask the Minister for Finance If he will introduce a reduced VAT rate on food supplements as part of Budget 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41642/18]

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

\*52. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a sluice gate at a location (details supplied) on the River Maine in County Kerry will be repaired or replaced to prevent flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41597/18]

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

\*53. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he will take to commence discussions on mutual recognition agreements with non-EU countries to allow construction workers qualified abroad to work as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41563/18]

\*54. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a project (details supplied); if a date for this meeting will be provided; when this meeting will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41576/18]

\*55. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a building project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41578/18]

\*56. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if special needs assistant support will be allocated to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41600/18]

\*57. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an appeal is warranted in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41618/18]

\*58. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if students in education and training board schools will be in a position to opt-out of the NCCA religious education course following circular 0062/2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [41619/18]

\*59. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the provisions that will be made for students that opt-out of the NCCA religious education course in education and training board schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [41620/18]

\*60. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when transport will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [41621/18]

\*61. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41622/18]

\*62. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if further consideration will be given to an application for additional permanent accommodation at a school (details supplied) in view of classrooms being overcrowded and a projected growth in enrolment; if this application will be progressed without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41652/18]



\*63. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated full year cost of ending apprenticeship fees; and if he will provide an overview of the annual bursary that apprentices may receive. — Billy Kelleher. [41688/18]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an appeal can be facilitated in respect of the refusal of a higher education grant in the case of a person (details supplied) who has been assessed as benefitting from their parents income, who is not supported by their parents and who lives in another jurisdiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41709/18]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status in respect of an application for a higher education grant for study in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41711/18]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to a Topical Issue Debate and previous Parliamentary Questions, if an application by a school (details supplied) will be approved without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41736/18]

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

\*67. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if consideration has been given to the fact that funding for the pilot phase of the employer disability information service is due to end on 31 December 2018; his plans to extend funding for this service beyond 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41587/18]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the timeframe for processing an application to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal by a person (details supplied); and the process involved. — John McGuinness. [41590/18]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41595/18]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of community gardaí attached to the Galway division of An Garda Síochána; and the stations each is attached to. — Noel Grealish. [41608/18]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of families residing in a hotel (details supplied) that have leave to remain; and the number of adults and children, respectively in these families. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41625/18]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the direct provision centres that have recently closed or are due to close before the end of 2018; the reason each of these centres closed or is due to close; the name of the company and or person that RIA had the contract for the provision of services at these centres; if RIA expects further closures or non-renewals of contracts into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41626/18]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the dates and meetings he or his officials have had with An Garda Síochána regarding concerns he or his officials have regarding the statistics and or information An Garda Síochána has been providing to the Central Statistics Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [41632/18]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the waiting times for persons to receive free legal aid in each of the law centres throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [41651/18]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to provide funding for a new Garda station (details supplied) as committed to by a previous Government ten years ago. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41653/18]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the cost of a direct provision hostel (details supplied) in each year since it opened; the number of adults and children, respectively resident at the hostel on 1 September in each year since the hostel opened; the number of inspections carried out by Departmental staff or other State agencies or bodies in each year since the hostel opened; the number of adults and children, respectively deported while resident at the hostel in each year since the hostel was opened in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41666/18]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number adults and children residing in a direct provision hostel (details supplied); when the attention of his Department and RIA was drawn to the fact that the operator of this centre would not be renewing their contract; his plans and the plans RIA has in place to secure accommodation for all of the residents of the centre including those with leave to remain but unable to secure alternative accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41667/18]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which a person (details supplied) can be facilitated in their quest for an update of stamp 4 in view of the fact that their homeland passport has already been deemed to be false, even though it is their original passport obtained in their homeland and that recent experience of their homeland authorities is uncooperative; if other steps can be taken by the family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41694/18]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied) who has been here since 2000 including long periods covered by a work permit; if they qualify for long-term residency with entitlement to continue in employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41695/18]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a refoulement application in the case of a person (details supplied) can be accepted thereby preventing deportation to their homeland in which there is incontrovertible evidence to the effect that their return there puts their life in danger and also taking into account that they are in a permanent relationship here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41698/18]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) can be facilitated in their quest for naturalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41699/18]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which a stamp 4 work permit may be made available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41700/18]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to facilitate an application for regularisation of residency by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41701/18]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when residency status will be granted in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41702/18]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when regularisation of residency will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41703/18]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the order to deport in the case of a person (details supplied) can be set aside in view of the nature of the case and particularly while ongoing policy determinations arising from the High Court decision are being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41707/18]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the availability of a stamp 4 extended residency in the case of a person (details supplied) who has lived here on foot of a work permit for several years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41710/18]

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

\*88. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of foreign company visits per region in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; the volume of visits in each region by location; if those locations were privately owned or State owned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [41605/18]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the Bills under her remit that are expected to undergo Pre-Legislative scrutiny in the Autumn session; and the Bills that will be taken at second stage in the Houses of the Oireachtas. — Billy Kelleher. [41689/18]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the capital spend to date in 2018 including the capital carry-over from 2017 by subhead; the provision under each subhead including the capital carry-over from 2017 provided for in the revised estimates volume for 2018; the details of overspends or underspends under each subhead; the action to be taken to deal with them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41690/18]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if persons (details supplied) qualify for a work permit in view of their long employment history here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41696/18]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*92. To ask the Minister for Health if the recent vacant psychiatrist position (details supplied) in County Wexford has been advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41543/18]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive a psychology appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41550/18]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners nationally and in counties Longford and Westmeath that have received PREPARED dementia training; his plans to extend this further; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41551/18]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dementia nurse advisors in place nationally; if funds were provided to an organisation (details supplied) to provide such nurse advisors; his plans to recruit nurse advisors covering counties Longford and Westmeath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41552/18]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Health the rates of cervical cancer in those under 25 years of age diagnosed here in each of the years 2007 to 2017; if the cancers related to HPV 16 and 18; the actual numbers between 2007 and 2017; the evidence the vaccine will prevent cancer in those under 25 years of age without pap screening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41554/18]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a certain slogan (details supplied) is used to market HPV vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41555/18]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Health if the homecare package hours awarded to a person (details supplied) will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [41556/18]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in the determination of an application for urgent home help in the case of a person (details supplied); if all efforts will be made to ensure that home help assistance is provided in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41562/18]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Health the cost to provide a psychiatrist travelling from County Galway to County Wexford each weekend (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41566/18]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be able to access the drug Hydrocortisone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [41569/18]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the Gardasil vaccine. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41570/18]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for scoliosis surgery in Merlin Park Hospital, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [41571/18]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that had scoliosis surgery in Merlin Park Hospital, County Galway in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [41572/18]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Health if there were no surgeries carried out on persons awaiting surgery for scoliosis, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [41573/18]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41581/18]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the HSE can make a decision to refuse a person (details supplied) a top-up in relation to taking up a room in a facility (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [41582/18]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Health when a homecare package will be approved for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [41585/18]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Health the status of residential care for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41586/18]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to life saving medications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41588/18]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a medical card has not issued to a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [41591/18]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Health if an assessment of needs will be scheduled in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41599/18]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the age range for the HPV vaccine in view of FDA approval to extend the age in the United States of America for men and women aged 27 to 45 years of age due to supporting medical evidence it continues to be effective in preventing cervical cancer and other illnesses at upper age ranges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [41604/18]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied); the status of the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41610/18]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Health if the concerns raised by qualified registered pharmaceutical assistants in regard to the new rules being drawn up by an organisation (details supplied) in connection with section 30 of the Pharmacy Act 2007 will be taken into account; if this group has been meaningfully consulted on these proposed changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41615/18]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Health if two full-time positions will be provided for a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41616/18]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Health if the attention of UHL management was drawn to the fact that a clinical incident form had been submitted prior to an adverse event involving a person (details supplied) regarding the harm done to another surgical patient in UHL while under the care

of a person; and the steps taken by UHL management following the submission of the clinical incident form to ensure patient safety. — Clare Daly. [41628/18]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adverse clinical incidents that have been notified to UHL management in regard to the performance of clinical duties by a person (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [41629/18]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Health if grant aid has been restored to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41631/18]

\*120. 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. [41633/18]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [41634/18]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons authorised to travel with a patient when they are being transferred by helicopter from one hospital to another; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [41635/18]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Health the status of home support and grief counselling for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41639/18]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Health when additional resources will be provided for disability services (details supplied) in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41643/18]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric rheumatologist consultant positions advertised in 2018; the number of applications received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41648/18]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Health the funding being provided in 2018 to implement the model of care for juvenile arthritis and rheumatology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41649/18]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Health if a model of care for adult arthritis and rheumatology has been agreed; if so, when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41650/18]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims pending against the State Claims Agency related to persons that had an adverse reaction to the swine flu vaccine; the number of cases settled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41656/18]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41669/18]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with scoliosis on waiting lists for spinal surgery by hospital; the number of these operations that have been carried out in 2018 by hospitals in which these occurred; and the remaining spare capacity for these operations in these hospitals. — Róisín Shortall. [41683/18]



\*131. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Mulvey Report with regard to the ownership and governance of the proposed new national maternity hospital (details supplied); and the way in which he plans to proceed in order to address both of these issues. — Róisín Shortall. [41684/18]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the proposed new national maternity hospital will not be a State-run hospital; and the reason there is a need for the involvement of a voluntary organisation. — Róisín Shortall. [41685/18]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Health the timescale for completion of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology investigation into the accuracy of smear test analysis in all laboratories used by CervicalCheck; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41686/18]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric physiotherapists working in County Mayo. — Lisa Chambers. [41691/18]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant posts for paediatric physiotherapists in County Mayo; the length of time these posts have been vacant; and when they will be filled. — Lisa Chambers. [41692/18]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for an appointment to see a paediatric physiotherapist in County Mayo; the length of time they have been waiting; and the number of children waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, longer than 12 and 24 months, respectively, in tabular form. — Lisa Chambers. [41693/18]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Health when a MRI will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41704/18]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Health when a full medical card will be granted in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41708/18]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for homecare package applications; the breakdown by community healthcare organisations; the details of the financial allocation made to each CHO for 2018, in tabular form; the way in which this relates to existing demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41735/18]

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

\*140. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of farm payments for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41549/18]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the stage the transfer of entitlements is at in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41627/18]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the low cost agri-loan scheme will be made available as promised in Budget 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41644/18]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position in relation to CAP funding post-2020; the proposals he has put forward in relation to the need to increase the CAP budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41645/18]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount granted to animal welfare charities in each year since the enactment of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 in tabular form; and the charities in receipt of such funding on an annual basis. — Charlie McConalogue. [41658/18]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a recent letter from his Department to sheep farmers stated that EID is compulsory for farmers and optional for factories; and if his attention has been drawn to the views expressed by an organisation in an article (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [41660/18]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the capital spend to date in 2018 including the capital carry-over from 2017 by subhead; the provision under each subhead including the capital carry-over from 2017 provided for in the revised estimates volume for 2018; the details of overspends or underspends under each subhead; the action to be taken to deal with them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41661/18]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the plan to roll out the new green cert programme in 2018. — Charlie McConalogue. [41662/18]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to ensure the all island animal health and welfare strategy is maintained in a hard Brexit scenario; and the status of discussions he has had with authorities in the UK and Northern Ireland in this regard. — Charlie McConalogue. [41663/18]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Ireland will implement a new sector specific income stabilisation tool as provided under EU regulation 2017/2393. — Charlie McConalogue. [41664/18]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a reduced rate for the knowledge transfer programme forestry compared to the previous programme as outlined in correspondence (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [41665/18]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the planting targets per hectare for all categories in 2017 and to date in 2018 for the Forestry Programme 2014-2020; the actual number of hectares planted in 2017 and to date in 2018 for these categories; and the number of hectares planted out of each annual target set on a percentage basis in tabular form. — Jackie Cahill. [41677/18]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers and non-farmers participating in planting schemes under the Forestry Programme 2014-2020 nationally and by county in tabular form. — Jackie Cahill. [41678/18]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of agricultural land in each county that has been planted with forestry to date in tabular form. — Jackie Cahill. [41679/18]



\*154. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the policy proposal to issue afforestation licences for SACs and SPAs as the lead authority for forestry licences; if he has had discussions in this regard at EU level and or with the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht on same; and the number of such meetings in 2017 and to date 2018 on this issue. — Jackie Cahill. [41680/18]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he and his Department continue to prepare for the worst case scenario in respect of Brexit with particular reference to the establishment of new markets and or EU access to the United Kingdom market for food and food products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41712/18]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he is satisfied regarding the provision of emergency winter fodder supplies meeting the full requirement through winter 2018 and spring 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41713/18]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the result of a recent assessment of projected fodder shortages throughout winter 2018 and spring 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41714/18]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the agri-food sector can respond positively to climate change requirements such as reduction of greenhouse gases; the measures taken or likely to be taken in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41715/18]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions likely to contribute to greenhouse gas reduction throughout the agri-food sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41716/18]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he has engaged in overseas visits to promote food exports at various locations globally; the result of such promotions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41717/18]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons involved in the fishing industry including processing; the extent to which these numbers will be retained in the future notwithstanding Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41718/18]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent of fish consumption here to date; the degree to which promotion is ongoing to highlight the benefits thereof; the degree to which markets remain available for Irish exports in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41719/18]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which poultry production continues and is likely to do so notwithstanding global market interventions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41720/18]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of beef exported in each of the past three years to date; the extent to which this is likely to continue notwithstanding external factors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41721/18]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of lamb exports over the past three years to various export markets; the extent to which he expects this to continue notwithstanding external market changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41722/18]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of pig meat exports over the past three years to various export markets; the extent to which he expects this to continue notwithstanding external market changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41723/18]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the future of the cereal market is assured; the way in which it is likely to be affected by external forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41724/18]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of dairy exports over the past three years to various export markets; the extent to which he expects this to continue notwithstanding external issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41725/18]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which adequate systems remain in place to identify food and food product imports from third world countries with a view to ensuring ready traceability and compliance with Irish and international standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41726/18]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the future of the mushroom industry here with particular reference to access to export markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41727/18]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he monitors the various issues affecting animal welfare including compliance and or breaches of regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41728/18]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he expects the sport of polo to be able to benefit from a ready support of suitable sport horses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41729/18]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which the artisan food sector continues to grow in value with consequent benefit to the home and export markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41730/18]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which deer farming continues with consequent supply to the home market and or exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41731/18]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which the agri-food sector relies on supplies of wild deer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41732/18]

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

\*176. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if comments made by him (details supplied) at the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment on 2 October 2018 will be clarified; the schedule of the meetings he has had with the person; the persons representing them and or a consortium; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41544/18]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of rivers in State or private ownership, in County Donegal; if in State ownership, when they were taken into ownership in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [41548/18]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to a complaint to the European Commission by a group (details supplied); if he has engaged the Commission in respect of this issue; his plans to address the complaint at local level; if he or his officials are in a position to investigate the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41564/18]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to roll out the warmth and wellbeing scheme on a nationwide basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [41577/18]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the requirements that are set down in relation to the energy efficiency of boilers that are installed in new homes and new businesses as replacements in existing homes and businesses. — Róisín Shortall. [41637/18]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to roll out a programme of state of the art electric vehicle charge points; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41654/18]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the recent decision to enable Ireland to prohibit or restrict the cultivation of genetically modified organisms here in view of the fact that scientific experts have said that the next generation of gene edited crops has the potential to cut climate emissions in agriculture and boost global food security as outlined in an article (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [41657/18]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will raise with Eir and the Commission for Communications Regulation the delays in having repairs and restoration of service on Eir landlines carried out in which difficulties arise; if there is a statutory obligation on telecommunication providers to have service restored or have repairs undertaken within an acceptable timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41734/18]

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

\*184. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 215 of 4 October 2018, if he will publish and or supply a copy of his submission on the

proposed BusConnects project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41583/18]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if an application for emergency funding for the repair of the Ivy Bridge at Cloghan, Stranorlar, County Donegal was received in his Department; if emergency funding for the collapsed bridge in order to carry out the repair necessary to reopen the bridge will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41630/18]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a person was detained by the United States Border and Customs staff at Dublin Airport on 5 October 2018; and if so, the legal authority upon which the staff detained the person in view of the fact that as per the relevant legislation and agreement, passengers in pre-clearance remain in Irish legal jurisdiction and have the right to withdraw from the pre-clearance process. — Clare Daly. [41737/18]

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

\*187. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding allocated and total expenditure under the early years capital programme in each of the years 2015 to 2018. — Peadar Tóibín. [41545/18]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to grant either retrospective funding or release future funding to a school (details supplied) in view of the exceptional circumstances in the case. — Peadar Tóibín. [41546/18]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to meet with representatives and members of groups (details supplied) in her consultations on the matter of the grave site at Tuam. — Clare Daly. [41641/18]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the qualifications including specialist qualifications which must be held by Tusla staff before they may undertake assessments of children in circumstances in which an allegation of child sexual abuse has been made; and the way in which CORU monitors and enforces fitness to practice as an assessor of child sexual abuse allegations. — Clare Daly. [41670/18]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the qualifications including specialist qualifications which must be held by forensic interviewers employed or contracted by Tusla before they may undertake forensic specialist assessment of children in circumstances in which an allegation of child sexual abuse has been made; and the way in which CORU monitors and enforces fitness to practice as specialist forensic assessor of child sexual abuse allegations. — Clare Daly. [41671/18]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of joint specialist interviews with gardaí taking the lead role carried out in each of the years 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018, in cases of alleged child sexual abuse. — Clare Daly. [41672/18]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way in which Tusla ensures professional standards and clinical oversight of external private contractor specialists including specialist forensic assessors of child sexual abuse allegations. — Clare Daly. [41673/18]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the investigation into the operation of the mother and baby homes; the date by which this investigation will be complete; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [41675/18]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her Department or another Department will provide financial compensation to former residents of the mother and baby homes. — Willie O’Dea. [41676/18]

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

\*196. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the joint applications made which included a group (details supplied) as an applicant in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018 for the town and village renewal fund or other similar schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [41624/18]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the joint applications made by Kildare County Council and a group (details supplied) in 2018 or a previous year for the rural recreation fund or other similar schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [41623/18]

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

\*198. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to a previous Parliamentary Question in relation to the case of a person (details supplied), if it is accepted that the person merely rents a room and that the other tenant renting a separate room in the same building is not in any way associated and that they are liable to be adjudged so in their request for the free television licence only; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41697/18]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a matter regarding an application by a person (details supplied) will be addressed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [41568/18]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress made in putting in place a pension scheme for community employment supervisors as outlined in a recent Dáil Éireann Motion which was passed on the matter. — John McGuinness. [41592/18]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if 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. [41598/18]

\*202. 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. [41606/18]

\*203. 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. [41611/18]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can avail of dental benefit treatment as a qualified adult dependant under their spouse's contributions. — Robert Troy. [41617/18]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the contributions registered to a person (details supplied) as a basis for calculation of their State pension of which they receive a reduced amount; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41706/18]

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

\*206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the efforts being made with regard to combatting an international problem in relation to marine litter and the effects it is having on marine wildlife; the funding allocations awarded to tackling this problem here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [41574/18]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to a submission by a group (details supplied) to the European Commission; if he or his predecessors engaged with the local authority in respect of a planning matter contained in the submission; his plans to investigate the issues raised at a local level in conjunction with the European Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41565/18]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the plans in place to allow voluntary housing associations to draw down capital towards the construction of community voluntary houses; his plans to make further allocations available under the capital assistance scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [41594/18]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the capital spend in 2019 will be rolled over if the €75 million allocation for the serviced sites fund is unspent in 2018. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41601/18]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the possibility of introducing a rural resettlement scheme has been investigated further by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41603/18]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the sections and subsections of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2018 that have not been commenced to date. — Róisín Shortall. [41607/18]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the full-time equivalent staffing levels at An Bord Pleanála in each of the past ten years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41612/18]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when it will be possible to make online appeal submissions to An Bord Pleanála via its website as is the case with local authority planning applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41613/18]



\*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will report on the current issues with An Bord Pleanála's website whereby it is reported that appeal files submitted since January 2018 are not available to view on the Board's website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41614/18]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 112, 170 and 253 of 4 October 2018, his plans to engage with other relevant Ministers with regard to the rent a room scheme to address the barriers to uptake (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41640/18]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his Department or agencies on his Department's behalf have been engaging with the owner or manager of a direct provision hostel (details supplied) for the purposes of that location being used at a future date for emergency accommodation, a family hub or other housing related accommodation; and if so, if this was carried out with the knowledge of the Department of Justice and Equality that have a contract via RIA with the owners and managers of the property for the provision of direct provision accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41668/18]

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

\*217. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on European Union regulation number 1143/2014 on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species including American mink; and the level of preparedness taken to meet the obligations in this regulation. — Charlie McConalogue. [41659/18]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of species of wild bird including game now deemed extinct here north and south; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41733/18]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the investment plan timelines for regional cultural infrastructure in County Wicklow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [41558/18]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the supports provided to protect historic structures at risk in County Wicklow in 2017 and to date in 2018; her plans for 2019 in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [41559/18]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will report on progress made to date to increase funding and staffing levels at the National Parks and Wildlife Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [41560/18]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on the precarious working terms and conditions, lack of training, lack of health and safety and lack of pension provision to many workers in the film and television production industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [41561/18]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if a person (details supplied) will be considered for the turf cutting compensation scheme; if they are eligible for other such schemes due to extenuating circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [41579/18]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on the policy proposal to issue afforestation licences for SACs and SPAs; if she has had discussions in this regard at EU level and or with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine on same; her further views on whether such afforestation would be consistent with the management objectives of the sites concerned as the lead authority in charge of implementing Natura 2000; and her plans to carry out a review regarding these objectives. — Jackie Cahill. [41681/18]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when the national policy decision was taken not to administer separate payments to farmers in both the NPWS farm plan scheme and GLAS. — Jackie Cahill. [41682/18]



