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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to Tusla's decision to terminate its SLA with a programme (details supplied) in County Galway and the negative impacts this will have with young persons in the County. — Anne Rabbitte. [46135/18]

2. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if additional resources are being provided to Tusla in order to provide aftercare supports for young persons leaving State care including housing and education supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [45952/18]

3. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the implementation of the affordable childcare scheme; the date by which the information and communications technology system will be operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [46137/18]

4. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the necessary funds will be made available to an organisation (details supplied) in order that it can continue to offer both the residential care and the early intervention family support service to families and vulnerable children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46128/18]

5. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way in which voluntary youth work can be supported in view of the considerable demands on voluntary boards and volunteering. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [45787/18]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will report on the implementation of consent courses in youth organisations and youth clubs (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [45879/18]

7. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of the budget available to cater for the full extent of her Department's responsibilities including the protection of children, the monitoring of at risk cases and the follow-up as necessary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45721/18]

8. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of youth projects established under the single targeted youth funding programme to date; the details of each project; the location of each; the funding each project has received to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45939/18]

9. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the timeline for the beginning of excavation works at the site of the former mother and baby home at Tuam; the draft legislation required to advance this project; the offers of financial contributions that have been made by religious orders and institutions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [45725/18]

10. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 1165 of 7 September 2018, if the report of the national review panel in relation to three cases of child abuse in a foster home in County Galway which commenced in 2016 has been completed; if so, when it will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45923/18]

11. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when the oversight group to ensure recommendations contained in a report (details supplied) was established; the membership of the group; the progress to date in relation to the implementation of the recommendations contained therein; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45924/18]

12. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the new role of family resource centres under the auspices of Tusla in providing services to families and children experiencing homelessness; the guidelines for the centres; the extra resources being made available to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45726/18]

13. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will consider the recommendations of a report (details supplied) for the commission to hold hearings in public and to provide a transcript to witnesses that have given oral evidence to it in private; and if she will consider the request for the archive not to be sealed once it finishes its inquiry. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [45789/18]

14. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans being put in place to employ a new chief executive for Tusla. — Sean Sherlock. [45919/18]

15. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of a report into an organisation (details supplied); the implications for the funding of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45928/18]

16. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the implementation of the affordable childcare scheme; the date by which the information and communications technology system will be operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45934/18]

17. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the affordable childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45833/18]

18. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children in care accessing CAMHS services; if there are waiting lists to access mental health services for children in care; if so, the average time of waiting to access; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45727/18]

19. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the findings of a report (details supplied) which found that the adversarial nature of cases involving child welfare threatens the principle of securing the best outcomes for children; if she has liaised with Tusla with regard to this report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [45875/18]

20. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the action she has taken to hold Tusla, collectively and named persons, to account for the serious deficiencies and problems highlighted in the Disclosures Tribunal report. — Clare Daly. [45830/18]

21. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she is taking to address the administrative incompetence at Tusla referred to by a person (details supplied) in the Disclosures Tribunal. — Clare Daly. [45831/18]

22. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to develop targeted supports for parents and guardians in County Wexford paying for childcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [45828/18]

23. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the process for the restoration of funding to an organisation (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [45922/18]

24. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the several sample projects that were established in 2016 and 2017 in relation to the future development of a single targeted youth funding programme to replace the current schemes; the number of these projects which are now fully operational; the number of new sample projects that have been established to date in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45938/18]

25. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will meet with key stakeholders of an organisation (details supplied) with a view to ensuring that it can continue to offer the full range of crucial support services to vulnerable children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45827/18]

26. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the start date in 2019 for the new affordable childcare scheme. — Sean Sherlock. [45921/18]

27. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on whether the school completion programme is sufficiently funded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45937/18]

28. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of new and or upgraded childcare places that will be provided through her Department's capital programme in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45877/18]

29. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on the findings of the latest HIQA report on Tusla which found that 103 unauthorised absences took place over a 12 month period and that certain premises were unkempt in places and in urgent need of refurbishment; if she has made these concerns known to Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [45874/18]

30. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is satisfied with the most recent HIQA report into Oberstown Child Detention Campus and the progress made at the centre; her

views on whether additional resources are required in order for the centre to meet HIQA compliance standards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [45723/18]

31. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to Tusla's decision to terminate its SLA with a programme (details supplied) in County Galway and the negative impacts this will have with young persons in the county. — Anne Rabbitte. [45933/18]

32. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the affordable childcare scheme will launch in September 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45929/18]

33. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will provide assistance to youth clubs and sports clubs orientated to young persons in Tyrrelstown following the closure of a centre (details supplied) due to building defects being found; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [45878/18]

34. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the capital funding available to her Department for 2019; the level of expenditure per scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45876/18]

35. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the progress that has been made in terms of recruitment and retention of staff at Tusla over the past year; if steps have been taken to ensure adequate resources are in place in order to provide counselling supports for victims; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [45724/18]

36. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on whether there is a staffing crisis in the early years sector; the steps she is taking to combat same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [45932/18]

37. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she is satisfied regarding the availability of childcare facilities in view of the increasing necessity for both parents to be at work and to meet the requirements of one parent families; the ongoing work being undertaken to improve provisions in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45722/18]

38. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of her Department's reform of the guardian ad litem service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45936/18]

39. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will make the necessary funds available to an organisation (details supplied) in order that it can continue to offer the full range of crucial support services to vulnerable children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45826/18]

40. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is satisfied that the level of absenteeism from school is acceptable; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [45920/18]

41. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way in which she will address the need for quality childcare and the low pay levels of staff in view of the fact that additional funding

was announced for early years mostly targeted at the affordable childcare scheme. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [45786/18]

42. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she is taking to support stay-at-home parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45832/18]

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 if he or officials on his behalf were in contact with President Erdogan of Turkey following the murder of a person (details supplied). — Micheál Martin. [45883/18]

*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the findings of a study (details supplied) are available to the Government; and if these findings will be made available to persons and members of Dáil Éireann. — Gerry Adams. [46011/18]

*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of staff in each consulate and embassy in each of the years 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [46031/18]

*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the issues discussed at the recent British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference; the outcome of such discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [46120/18]

*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the outcome of the most recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and with the political parties in Northern Ireland in relation to the need to have the Assembly and Executive restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [46121/18]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*48. To ask the Minister for Finance his most recent engagement with his EU counterparts in relation to the proposed digital tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [45975/18]

*49. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will complete a table (details supplied). — Jonathan O’Brien. [45997/18]

*50. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of help-to-buy grant applications received; the number of applications that reached claim stage; and the number of claims approved under the help-to-buy scheme since its inception in July 2016. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46007/18]

*51. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to the establishment of a high pay and wealth commission to assemble data to review the levels of high pay, bonuses, dividend and other incomes in the property, financial, information technology, pharma and other

industries and the accumulation of wealth resulting from these payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [46048/18]

*52. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [46066/18]

*53. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is standard practice for the Revenue Commissioners to request from a person a completed tax return and letters of administration for their deceased spouse that was only in receipt of a State pension and had no assets other than the family home. — Thomas Byrne. [46077/18]

*54. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the costs of sending children to college are not allowable against tax (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46141/18]

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

*55. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost to send out voting cards to each registered voter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [46027/18]

*56. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the issue of pension provision for community employee supervisors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [46028/18]

*57. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a company (details supplied) is eligible to engage in future State tenders for construction projects. — Thomas Byrne. [46075/18]

*58. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the rationale for the OPW's decision to dispose of sites zoned for development on Church Avenue and Herbert Lane instead of reserving them for affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [46144/18]

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

*59. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount of EU funding made available to Ireland under the youth guarantee; the reason this has not been drawn down to date; when it will be drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [45966/18]

*60. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the budget allocation for apprenticeships in 2018 and 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [45967/18]

*61. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of persons that registered on newly developed apprenticeship programmes in 2018. — Maurice Quinlivan. [45968/18]

*62. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details of the new apprenticeship programmes that were introduced in 2018. — Maurice Quinlivan. [45969/18]

*63. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the apprenticeship population to date in 2018. — Maurice Quinlivan. [45970/18]

*64. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of new apprenticeship registrations to date in 2018. — Maurice Quinlivan. [45971/18]

*65. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he will take to ensure provision of adequate supports at a school (details supplied) for children with special educational needs attending this school; the further steps he will take to address the lack of suitable educational placements at primary level for children with special educational needs and the lack of future educational placements at second-level for children with special educational needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [45973/18]

*66. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the new school premises for a school (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that an organisation was first granted patronage of this school in March 2013 and it has been located at a temporary premises since August 2016; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the lease on this temporary premises expires in April 2019 and its first junior certificate exams are due in June 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [45987/18]

*67. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the deficit accumulated at Waterford Institute of Technology; his plans to address the deficit; the measures that may be considered in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [46016/18]

*68. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of students at Waterford Institute of Technology in each of the years 2014 to 2017 and to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [46017/18]

*69. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress made to advance a technological university of the south east; the stage at which the process is at; the next steps; the costs associated with the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [46018/18]

*70. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the consultancy firms commissioned to carry out work associated with the development of technological universities by his Department, the HEA and each institute of technology, by institute; the name of the consultancy firm; the costs associated and the work involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [46019/18]

*71. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a secondary school place will be provided for a person (details supplied) in a city school; and if their parent will be informed in view of the fact that preparations must be made for them relative to the change of school. — John McGuinness. [46055/18]

*72. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when concerns regarding structural flaws first became apparent in a school (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [46059/18]

*73. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applications for emergency works which include a fire safety element currently being considered. — Thomas Byrne. [46063/18]

*74. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applications for emergency works which include a structural safety element currently being considered. — Thomas Byrne. [46064/18]

*75. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the recently announced new second-level school for Dunshaughlin. — Thomas Byrne. [46065/18]

*76. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the costs to date of structural audits in schools built by a company (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [46067/18]

*77. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a company (details supplied) is eligible to continue to bid for State contracts. — Thomas Byrne. [46068/18]

*78. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his officials or his predecessor ever met with professional bodies or persons prior to September 2018 at which warnings were issued in relation to the standard of school construction here. — Thomas Byrne. [46069/18]

*79. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the costs to date of fire safety audits in schools announced in September 2017. — Thomas Byrne. [46071/18]

*80. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of clerks of works appointed pursuant to an announcement in September 2017; and the details of the projects which have their own clerk of works or grouped with a single clerk of works. — Thomas Byrne. [46072/18]

*81. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a clerk of works has been appointed for each building project under the auspices of his Department. — Thomas Byrne. [46073/18]

*82. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there are clerks of works within his Department staff; and if not, if they are private contractors. — Thomas Byrne. [46074/18]

*83. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to a protected disclosure in relation to Waterford Wexford Education Training Board; and the steps he will take to ensure the person is protected in this case (details supplied). — Bríd Smith. [46079/18]

*84. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a stocktake of existing facilities for arts in education was undertaken as recommended by the Arts in Education Charter; the findings of the stocktake; the steps taken in relation to those findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46082/18]

*85. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of site visits carried out of schools built by a company (details supplied) identified as needing remedial works by school during construction as part of certification processes; the dates of these inspections in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [46083/18]

*86. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the procedures in place for the issuing of completion certificates for schools built in each of the years, 2009 to 2014, 2014 to September 2017 and September 2017 to date in 2018; if this expressly required site visits by clerks of work; if the number or nature of inspections was prescribed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [46084/18]

*87. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of pupils displaced from schools built by a company (details supplied) identified as needing remedial works during construction that will be moved from the site of their current school; the distance from each school they have been moved from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [46085/18]

*88. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeline for the completion of works on schools built by a company (details supplied) identified as needing remedial works; and the estimated date for the return of all pupils to their classrooms. — Thomas Byrne. [46086/18]

*89. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost to complete works on schools built by a company (details supplied) identified as needing remedial works; the estimated cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [46087/18]

*90. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of design, build and operate contracts issued; the builder of each project; the year the contract was issued; the school for which the contract was issued in each of the years 2009 to 2017 and to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [46088/18]

*91. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment is required to consult with the Arts Council and or be represented on its committees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46089/18]

*92. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person or family household is required to be on a social welfare payment to qualify for the special rate of SUSI grants when their income does not exceed €23,500; his views on whether this restriction is penalising for families that are working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [46091/18]

*93. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when he plans to finalise plans for a new primary school in Ashbourne, County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [46094/18]

*94. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the significant shortage of school places in the Dunshaughlin catchment area in County Meath; and the measures he plans to take to counteract same. — Thomas Byrne. [46095/18]

*95. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the financial support and subvention which will be made available to the four recently announced educate together schools in setting up their schools. — Thomas Byrne. [46096/18]

*96. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the oversight exercised in respect of various school building projects before September 2017. — Thomas Byrne. [46100/18]

*97. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department independently, as a customer, ever engaged in quality checking of major school building projects before 2017. — Thomas Byrne. [46101/18]

*98. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the name of the assigned certifier in respect of each school building project subject to 2014 building regulations constructed by a company (details supplied); if an inspection plan and inspection notification framework was in place and acted upon in respect of each project; and if he was informed of any issues as they arose. — Thomas Byrne. [46102/18]

*99. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if, in the case of each project undertaken by a company (details supplied) and in which remedial works have been deemed necessary, contact has been made with the assigned certifiers under 2014 building regulations since the recent difficulties were uncovered. — Thomas Byrne. [46103/18]

*100. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if, in the case of each project undertaken by a company (details supplied) and in which remedial works have been deemed necessary, if the assigned certifiers under 2014 building regulations also took part in recent examinations of construction standards. — Thomas Byrne. [46104/18]

*101. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide information in relation to an education and training centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [46111/18]

*102. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of meetings he and his predecessor had with the Arts in Education Charter implementation group since the report was published; the dates of those meetings; the persons that attended those meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46112/18]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of reports received from the Arts in Education Charter implementation group since the report was published; if these reports are publicly available; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46113/18]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a person (details supplied) will be accepted as a pupil at a school. — Robert Troy. [46140/18]

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

*105. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if persons that have been granted temporary permission to remain here for four months on stamp 1 conditions to enable an employer apply for an employment permit on their behalf are eligible to apply for this employment permit despite the fact that they are employed in a category that is deemed ineligible for employment permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [45976/18]

*106. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí and reservists in each Garda station in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [46029/18]

*107. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí and reservists in each Garda station in County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [46030/18]

*108. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he is taking to carry out consultations with the public and the preparations he is making for retaining summer time all year round from October 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [46051/18]

*109. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to fund the cost of feminine hygiene products for persons living in direct provision centres; the funding that will be provided for this initiative; if it is a long-term initiative; when this initiative will commence; the way in which it is

proposed to roll out this initiative; his further plans to engage with persons living in direct provision on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [46106/18]

*110. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the rationale used to determine which persons living in direct provision centres will be able to access feminine hygiene products under the plans to fund the cost of same; and the number of persons that will be able to access and not access these products respectively, under this plan. — Gerry Adams. [46107/18]

*111. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if plans to fund the cost of feminine hygiene products for persons living in direct provision centres will not extend to persons living in independent living centres; and if so, the reason therefor. — Gerry Adams. [46108/18]

*112. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the direct provision centres identified as independent living centres; and the number of women and female children living in each of these centres. — Gerry Adams. [46109/18]

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

*113. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a protocol is in place in order to ensure the Sectoral Employment Order (Construction Sector) 2017 is being adhered to; the sanctions for companies that are not adhering to the order; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [46025/18]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*114. To ask the Minister for Health the status of work to draft new legislation which would replace the Dentists Act 1985; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [45965/18]

*115. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the concerns of a school (details supplied) in relation to the lack of regular professional supports such as psychological, psychiatric, speech and language therapy and occupational therapy for pupils with special educational needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [45974/18]

*116. To ask the Minister for Health the progress and timeframe for completion of the extension to St. Patricks Hospital, Cashel, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [45977/18]

*117. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the establishment of a general practitioner out-of-hours service for north County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [45979/18]

*118. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has a plan in place to replace the position of a medical officer at a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [45981/18]

*119. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff assigned to the child and adolescent mental health service at University Hospital Waterford in each of the years 2014 to 2017 and to date

in 2018 inclusive; and the number of consultant posts by post in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [45982/18]

*120. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant posts in place at the child and adolescent mental health service at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [45983/18]

*121. To ask the Minister for Health the catchment area for child and adolescent mental health services at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [45984/18]

*122. To ask the Minister for Health his views on industrial action by psychiatric staff at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [45985/18]

*123. To ask the Minister for Health the number of radiographers in UHW in each of the years 2014 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [45986/18]

*124. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the need for the HSE to provide additional funds for a section 39 organisation (details supplied) to meet its service requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [45995/18]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that an organisation (details supplied) has recently decided to limit the working hours and duties of pharmaceutical assistants; if his attention has been further drawn to the concerns of pharmaceutical assistants; if permission will be refused for these changes having regard to the Pharmacy Act 2007; if he will consider changes to this legislation and other short-term solutions to the problem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [46010/18]

*126. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients at University Hospital Waterford on hospital trolleys in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018, by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [46013/18]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on inpatient and out patient waiting lists in each of the years 2014 to 2017 and to date in 2018, by speciality; the length of time they have been waiting in bands (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [46014/18]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reconfigure orthopaedic services at UHW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [46015/18]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding budgets for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46023/18]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health if secondary legislation to underpin the access programme for medical cannabis products is being prepared; and if this will be finalised once cannabis based products to be included in the legislation can be sourced. — Brian Stanley. [46038/18]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding liability implications for consultants in both public and private practice that prescribe medicinal cannabis; and his plans to change same. — Brian Stanley. [46039/18]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a property (details supplied) owned by the State and which is no longer in use. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [46044/18]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the HSE National Service Plan 2018 which provided for 18.25 million home support hours to be delivered to over 50,000 persons; the reason persons may still be waiting six to eight months or more for homecare packages for vulnerable relatives that wish to live independently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [46053/18]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health if the blind persons allowance will be restored in the case of a person (details supplied); the reason this payment was ceased in this case; the financial and other supports available to persons diagnosed with Wolfram syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [46056/18]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons availing of private health insurance by age group (details supplied). — Stephen S. Donnelly. [46058/18]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46070/18]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 180, 181 and 182 of 3 October 2018, if clarification of will be provided and the specific questions asked answered (details supplied). — Bríd Smith. [46099/18]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health if each hospital in the HSE keeps a disclosure register for doctors of all connections to interest groups and contract organisations, particularly in the pharmaceutical and medical device industries; if so, the details on the type and amount of remuneration received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46105/18]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health when a place will be made available in Kilkenny city in one of the community homes for a long-term client of an organisation (details supplied); if they will be accommodated at a facility; the reason the family has not received respite services for over 12 months; his plans to provide respite services in counties Kilkenny and Carlow for the future and in the short-term; his further plans to provide one-to-one services for clients such as the person that have medical, psychological and mobility problems and that have been in care for most of their lives; his views on whether persons fitting this profile should be given priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [46110/18]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional staff, emergency ambulances, intermediate care ambulances and rapid response vehicles that are required for the National Ambulance Service to meet targets set by HIQA in its 2016 capacity review in tabular form. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [46119/18]

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

*141. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the regulations being put in place to help with the problem of sea lice (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46143/18]

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

*142. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the location of all the Bord na Móna bogs that are due to close under its current plans. — Peadar Tóibín. [45972/18]

*143. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to expand the SEAI grants for solar PV available to householders to SMEs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [46008/18]

*144. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the provision of rural broadband for County Kildare. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [46024/18]

*145. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the revised target deployment schedule for the National Broadband Plan will be published; and when black spots in County Louth can expect to have access to adequate broadband services. — Gerry Adams. [46032/18]

*146. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to undertake public information campaigns or to provide updates to persons living in black spot areas in County Louth and other counties affected regarding the future of the National Broadband Plan. — Gerry Adams. [46033/18]

*147. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the audit commissioned from a person (details supplied) on the integrity of the procurement process regarding the National Broadband Plan will conclude; and if the findings of the audit will be published. — Gerry Adams. [46034/18]

*148. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the roll out of the National Broadband Plan; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that businesses in counties Cavan and Monaghan are suffering due to a lack of same (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [46035/18]

*149. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on recent reports regarding emission levels from diesel vehicle imports from the UK and Northern Ireland; if these imports meet Ireland's standards on particulate and other noxious emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [46047/18]

*150. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if Emper, Ballynacargy, County Westmeath will avail of fibre broadband (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [46078/18]

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

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the safety measures that will be put in place at a junction (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45978/18]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he and TII can assist in having urgent works carried out to alleviate flooding problems in respect of two properties (details supplied); and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that despite several commitments that the work was to be carried out in 2018 nothing has been carried out to date; if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [45992/18]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [46012/18]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Irish Rail has a shortage of carriages and rolling stock to run its schedules; if the company is having to rent carriages and rolling stock for its national, commuter rail and DART lines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [46045/18]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the deficit in DART and commuter rail rolling stock is a major factor in ongoing overcrowding on rail and DART services in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [46046/18]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to increase capacity on the train line serving the M3 park and ride facility. — Thomas Byrne. [46098/18]

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

*157. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 484 of 3 July 2018, if she has received the data from Tusla as committed to in the reply; if she will direct Tusla to reply to this Deputy in view of the fact the agency has not responded; if there is a process within Tusla to fully investigate the way in which a complaint was handled dating back to 1998 and having significant repercussions to date; if Tusla will investigate the complaints of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [46093/18]

*158. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to seek policy responsibility for parental leave. — Sean Sherlock. [46117/18]

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

*159. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to review the CLÁR areas based on the 2016 census returns; the timeline for the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [45960/18]

*160. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of an application by Longford County Council for funding for Granard Motte. — Robert Troy. [39839/18]

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

*161. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a payment will issue in relation to an application by a person (details supplied) for illness benefit. — Peadar Tóibín. [45989/18]

*162. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for delays in applications for illness benefit; and the steps she is taking to rectify the situation. — Peadar Tóibín. [45990/18]

*163. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive an illness benefit payment and all arrears due. — John McGuinness. [45991/18]

*164. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she and the Secretary General of her Department will appear before the Oireachtas Select Committee of Public Accounts in relation to the delays in payments of illness benefit to circa 50,000 persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [45993/18]

*165. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the equality and poverty proofing measurements in place to protect jobseekers under 26 years of age particularly those that are experiencing homelessness, those with international protection that are moving out of direct provision and those that have support needs such as mental health and confidence building that cannot access or participate in activation schemes (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [45994/18]

*166. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which the policy on age related jobseekers allowance can continue to be justified as a preventative measure for welfare dependency in view of the fact that there is no basis in evidence (details supplied). — Willie O'Dea. [45999/18]

*167. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the roll out of the youth employment support scheme will come into effect; if the scheme can guarantee the inclusion of persons experiencing homelessness or that have international protection and are moving out of direct provision with no recourse to family or financial supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [46020/18]

*168. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she is satisfied with the length of time it takes to process an application for a carer's allowance; if measures will be introduced to speed up this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [46043/18]

*169. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount spent on rent supplement in 2017; and the projected amount for 2018 and 2019 respectively. — Róisín Shortall. [46060/18]

*170. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on a paternity allowance appeal in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [46076/18]

*171. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason all parental income is taken into account on the means assessment for social welfare applicants under 25 years of age; the reason a parent in receipt of a carer's allowance parental income is normally disregarded under all other schemes yet it is taken into account when a person under 25 years of age is still living with their parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [46092/18]

*172. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if correspondence in relation to the 2012 pension changes have been issued to 67,000 Irish residents and 9,000 non-Irish residents that were set to receive them over the course of October 2018 as stated by her in Dáil Éireann on 25 September 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [46097/18]

*173. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a claim for illness benefit by a person (details supplied) will be processed to completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [46116/18]

*174. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for an occupational injury benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [46126/18]

*175. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the delays in relation to processing of new and existing illness benefit claims; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [46127/18]

*176. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a review of an invalidity pension in the case of a person (details supplied) in County Kildare will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [46145/18]

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

*177. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to cease sending voting cards to each registered voter in view of the fact that they are not required to vote; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [46027/18]

*178. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of buy and renew units delivered to date in 2018; and the average cost for each unit. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46002/18]

*179. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of homes brought into use to date in 2018 via the repair and lease scheme; and the average cost of each unit. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46003/18]

*180. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of units delivered to date in 2018 via the Housing Agency's €70 million rolling Housing Agency fund; and the average cost for each unit. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46004/18]

*181. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of Rebuilding Ireland home loan applications by local authority area to date in 2018; the number of approvals and drawdowns, respectively, by local authority area; the average loan amount awarded in each local authority area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46005/18]

*182. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the Traveller accommodation allocations for each local authority for 2018; and the drawdown to date for each local authority in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46006/18]

*183. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [46042/18]

*184. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he is taking to ensure that 2018 social housing construction targets will be achieved by his Department, the local authorities and housing agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [46049/18]

*185. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the social housing construction targets for all local authorities in 2018; the number of these homes that have been completed by the end of quarter 3 in 2018; and the number to be completed by the end of 2018, in tabular form. — Thomas P. Broughan. [46050/18]

*186. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the housing (regulation of approved housing bodies) Bill will come before the Houses of the Oireachtas in view of the fact that over 500 voluntary housing bodies are not subject to statutory regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [46052/18]

*187. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount spent on the rental accommodation scheme in 2017; and the projected amount for 2018 and 2019, respectively. — Róisín Shortall. [46061/18]

*188. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount spent on the housing assistance payment in 2017; and the projected amount for 2018 and 2019, respectively. — Róisín Shortall. [46062/18]

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

*189. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to introduce a deer management plan for Killarney National Park; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [45980/18]

*190. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the progress regarding the purchase of land for the new entrance for a walkway to a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [45988/18]

*191. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when the regional manager and district conservation officer posts will be filled for Killarney National Park (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [46037/18]

*192. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the culling carried out by the National Parks and Wildlife Service since the deer on Innisfallen Island, Killarney were found starving in March 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [46057/18]

*193. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of meetings she and her predecessor have had with the Implementation Group of Arts in Education Charter since the report was published; the dates of those meetings; the person or body that attended those meetings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46080/18]

*194. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of reports received from the Implementation Group of Arts in Education since the report was published; if these reports are publicly available; if not, the reason therefor; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46081/18]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 8 SAMHAIN, 2018
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 2018**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of dog breeding establishments by county; the number of inspections by county in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; the outcome in cases of breaches of the guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45949/18]

2. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of the RAPID or community enhancement programme he has put in place since becoming Minister; if he has reviewed the operation of this programme to ensure that the target groups are benefitting from the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45957/18]

3. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the areas of County Wexford that can apply for funding under the RAPID Programme; the amount to be allocated in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [46114/18]

4. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if, since the establishment of the community enhancement programme, there has been specific supports or programmes to provide targeted assistance to the 51 most disadvantaged areas formerly known as RAPID areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [46001/18]

5. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the level of expenditure committed to date under the 2014 to 2020 Leader programme for each individual programme; the drawdown of such grant aid to date by individual programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [46123/18]

6. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the review of local community development committees due in Quarter 2, 2018 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [46021/18]

7. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when applications to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund will be assessed and approvals notified to the successful applicants. — Robert Troy. [46129/18]

8. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to streamline the administration of the Leader Programme nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [46122/18]

9. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the supports he will make available to other disadvantaged communities in the Dublin area in view of the €5.5 million investment in Dublin's north inner city as announced by him in October 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [46000/18]

10. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he is satisfied that the application process for community groups applying to Leader is efficient and that the process is not turning groups off making an application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [46130/18]

11. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the work of the Action Plan for Rural Development specifically relating to the revitalisation of towns and villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45963/18]

12. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the scheme announced in October 2018 to encourage families to return to living in rural town centres will be extended to offshore islands. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [45964/18]

13. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps he will take with regard to oversight and monitoring of the inspections of dog breeding establishments to ensure that the new guidelines, due to come into force in January 2019, will be adhered to. — Clare Daly. [45954/18]

14. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which he continues to address the stigmatisation of rural or urban communities in view of the fact that such communities are in decline (details supplied); his plans to address the emerging image of rural communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45951/18]

15. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the independent review of Pobal's charitable status will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [46022/18]

16. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount spent to date under the present Leader programme on projects; the amount spent to date in 2018 on projects by LAG; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45956/18]

17. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the net amount of funding that has come into the dormant account funds in 2018 after repayments to the banks of reclaimed funds; the amount it is proposed to spend on projects out of the fund in 2018; the spend to date; the amount of uncommitted funds on hand at present not including the statutory reserve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45958/18]

18. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the locations he is expanding the CLÁR funding for 2019 by categories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45962/18]

19. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress made towards reopening the rural walks scheme; when he plans to reopen the walks scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [46139/18]

20. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when decisions will be made on applications made under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund; the number of applications received to date; the funding approved in Budget 2019 for this scheme in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45955/18]

21. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans for the development of services within his portfolio in the coming years with particular reference to the need to develop and modernise services affecting rural Ireland and the Border regions; the extent to which he expects to be in a position to interact with and provide funding for voluntary community groups while at the same time enhancing the quality of services available through both the public and the private sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45950/18]

22. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to ensure the viability and sustainability of towns and villages in rural Ireland that have lost or are losing their local post office. — Bobby Aylward. [46040/18]

23. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress made between his Department and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment in removing the barriers which would impact the roll out of fibre broadband in rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [46138/18]

24. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which the updated guidelines for dog breeding establishments will be enforced when they come into effect on 1 January 2019; if additional resources are being allocated for the inspection and enforcement of these guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45948/18]

25. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of meetings held of Comhairle na Tuaithe in 2017 and to date in 2018; the progress made in the development of rural and outdoor recreation in the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45959/18]