



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff in his Department that provide supports for Independent Ministers in Government. — Mary Lou McDonald. [50348/18]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the recent meeting of the British-Irish Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [48021/18]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the outcome of the special European Council meeting held in Brussels in November 2018 to consider the Brexit issue. — Seán Haughey. [50056/18]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the EU summit held on 25 November 2018. — Joan Burton. [50349/18]

5. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to Prime Minister May since the EU Summit on 25 November 2018 and the other heads of state. — Joan Burton. [50351/18]

6. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker since he met with Prime Minister May on 21 November 2018; and the issues that were discussed. — Eamon Ryan. [50479/18]

7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on meetings he had at the special meeting in Brussels on 25 November 2018. — Eamon Ryan. [50480/18]

8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the recent special meeting of the European Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [50556/18]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he has met with church leaders recently. — Michael Moynihan. [49133/18]

10. To ask the Taoiseach if he has held recent meetings with representatives of churches and faith communities as part of the church-State structured dialogue process. — Mary Lou McDonald. [50346/18]

11. To ask the Taoiseach if he has recently met with church leaders. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50390/18]

12. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee A (Economy) last met. — Michael Moynihan. [49135/18]

13. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee A (Economy) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Mary Lou McDonald. [50347/18]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee A (Economy) last met. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50391/18]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee A (Economy) last met. — Joan Burton. [50552/18]

16. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committee at which agricultural issues are discussed; and when it last met. — Michael Moynihan. [50822/18]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if there is a whistle-blowing policy in his Department. — Michael Moynihan. [49442/18]

18. To ask the Taoiseach the social media costs in his Department. — Michael Moynihan. [50454/18]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he has updated his Department's policy with respect to social media. — Joan Burton. [50554/18]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the grand secretary of the Orange Lodge; and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [50475/18]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the Orange Order. — Mary Lou McDonald. [50555/18]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee F (National Security) last met. — Micheál Martin. [50478/18]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the December 2018 EU council. — Micheál Martin. [50860/18]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the budget allocation to his Department vote for 2019. — Micheál Martin. [50863/18]

25. To ask the Taoiseach the number of jobs that have been lost each month to date in 2018 by county compared to the number of jobs that have been created by county. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50386/18]

26. To ask the Taoiseach the additional jobs added in the 12 months to Q3 2018 in counties Sligo, Leitrim, Roscommon and Donegal, from the latest labour force survey. — Eamon Scanlon. [50488/18]

27. To ask the Taoiseach the additional jobs added in the 12 months to Q3 2018 in County Sligo from the latest labour force survey. — Eamon Scanlon. [50503/18]

28. To ask the Taoiseach the additional jobs added in the 12 months to Q3 2018 in County Waterford from the latest labour force survey. — Mary Butler. [50505/18]

29. To ask the Taoiseach the additional jobs added in the 12 months to Q3 2018 in County Kilkenny from the latest labour force survey. — Bobby Aylward. [50507/18]

30. To ask the Taoiseach the additional jobs added in the 12 months to Q3 2018 in County Tipperary from the latest labour force survey. — Jackie Cahill. [50509/18]

31. To ask the Taoiseach the additional jobs added in the 12 months to Q3 2018 in County Limerick from the latest labour force survey. — Niall Collins. [50513/18]

32. To ask the Taoiseach the additional jobs added in the 12 months to Q3 2018 in County Mayo from the latest labour force survey. — Lisa Chambers. [50514/18]

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

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

33. To ask the Minister for Health the risks posed to women by the increase in waiting time of up to 20 weeks or more to receive CervicalCheck screening results, the failure to transfer all samples to slides within the six weeks required and the colposcopy waiting lists now being over one year in some areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [51152/18]

34. To ask the Minister for Health the status of negotiations between his Department and the representatives of healthcare workers for the rolling out of additional winter measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [51000/18]

35. To ask the Minister for Health when an implementation plan for the National Neurorehabilitation Strategy will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [51153/18]

36. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he will insure that women have access to health care including the right to abortion services at the proposed maternity hospital on the grounds of St. Vincent's Hospital in view of concerns in relation to the possible influence of a religious ethos on the provision of those services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50770/18]

37. To ask the Minister for Health if staff and resources will be provided in order to resolve a situation (details supplied) regarding the Dublin south west school age team. — Joan Collins. [50999/18]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

38. To ask the Minister for Health the respite care services available for parents and guardians of children with intellectual disabilities in CHO 4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [50600/18]

39. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the transfer of ownership of respite facilities from the HSE to a third party as in the case of a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50835/18]

40. To ask the Minister for Health if the 2019 HSE Service Plan will provide for a new and expanded services for persons living with dementia. — Mary Butler. [50724/18]

41. To ask the Minister for Health when pay will be restored to section 39 workers; and the full cost of this measure. — Pearse Doherty. [49020/18]

42. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical, nursing and care posts vacant in Mallow Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [50785/18]

43. To ask the Minister for Health if a facilitator in respect of the consultation process on the future of Portlaoise Hospital has been appointed. — Brian Stanley. [50833/18]

44. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for CAMHS in CHO 4 in counties Cork and Kerry. — Pat Buckley. [50601/18]

45. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that parents of children that are in one CHO area in relation to gaining access to assessment of needs lose their place in the queue if they move home and are placed in a different CHO area; and if, in view of the housing crisis, the way in which access to these services is impacted by such a move which is often forced on parents will be examined. — Bríd Smith. [50773/18]

46. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review of ambulance services in Arklow and west County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [50730/18]

47. To ask the Minister for Health if St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny will be provided with 24/7 emergency medicine consultant cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [50793/18]

48. To ask the Minister for Health if extra homecare packages will be provided in north west County Cork this winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [50784/18]

49. To ask the Minister for Health the reason CHO 1 missed its target for home support hours during the first nine months of 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50698/18]

50. To ask the Minister for Health the action he will take in view of the recent finding that Ireland has the highest suicide rate for female children in the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [50714/18]

51. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of the proposed 60 bed modular unit at the University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [50606/18]

52. To ask the Minister for Health the number of sanctioned consultant posts; the number of sanctioned whole-time equivalent posts if different; the number of consultants on the specialist register with permanent contracts; the gap between sanctioned whole time-equivalents and employed

whole-time equivalents that are on the specialist register and have permanent contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [50799/18]

53. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated of the number of persons with Alzheimer's or dementia in County Mayo; the projection for same in 2030; the additional supports that will be provided in the coming years to adapt to the upturn in incidence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [50727/18]

54. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the finding in the patient experience survey that just 15% of respondents in Connolly Hospital said they were admitted to a ward within six hours of arriving at the emergency department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [50708/18]

55. To ask the Minister for Health if recruitment has commenced to staff the short stay ward at Letterkenny University Hospital; if so, the number of staff and the relevant grades which have been advertised for the ward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [50538/18]

56. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken to address the large number of vacancies for psychiatrist positions in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [50704/18]

57. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the use of a device (details supplied) in the treatment of children with scoliosis; the steps he has taken to satisfy himself that there are no health and safety risks to children with scoliosis being treated with the device; the steps he has taken to ensure that parents are informed regarding potential health and safety risks in the use of the device and to ensure informed consent guidelines are abided by in all such instances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [50873/18]

58. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists and the options for those wanting to detox from benzodiazepines and similar substances. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [50827/18]

59. To ask the Minister for Health the information he received in relation to the implementation of the Guidelines on the Prevention and Control of Tuberculosis in Ireland 2010 amended 2014 pursuant to an outbreak of tuberculosis, a notifiable disease, in Galway University Hospital; if he is satisfied that the procedures were appropriately rolled out and are sufficiently robust in view of the substantial number of persons including staff that contracted latent tuberculosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50611/18]

60. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand the remit and powers of the Health Information and Quality Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [50798/18]

61. To ask the Minister for Health if a centre (details supplied) will remain open with all the services and staff available to the blind community of CHO Area 6; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50804/18]

62. To ask the Minister for Health when capital works will commence to facilitate the new MRI scanner at the Midland Regional Hospital, Mullingar. — Robert Troy. [50737/18]

63. To ask the Minister for Health if he has been in consultation with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to the outcome of the audit on pay restoration for section 39 workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [43835/18]

64. To ask the Minister for Health if resources will be forthcoming for the breast multidisciplinary team and for the diabetes and endocrine diseases clinic at Cork University Hospital to increase staff, tackle delays, allow for referral pathways and other associated issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [50778/18]

65. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which it is proposed to reduce the long waiting times in counties Laois and Offaly for under 18s in need of a first assessment for occupational therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [50786/18]

66. To ask the Minister for Health if access to experimental drugs such as Pembro will be provided to all women with cervical cancer in view of the decision to make such drugs available to women whose false negative screening results were uncovered during the audit of the CervicalCheck screening programme. — Clare Daly. [50596/18]

67. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the wait times experienced by children waiting for paediatric diabetes clinic at Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50836/18]

68. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be an increase in personal assistance hours in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [50722/18]

69. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts made to date to resolve matters between the HSE and a union (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50834/18]

70. To ask the Minister for Health if he will halt the handover of the new national maternity hospital to a private entity and ensure that this institution is in full public ownership in order to protect women's lives, health and choices. — Clare Daly. [50595/18]

71. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to increase bed capacity in acute mental health units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [50702/18]

72. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the finding in the patient experience survey that just 18% of respondents in Naas Hospital said they were admitted to a ward within six hours of arriving at the emergency department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [50719/18]

73. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be taken to reduce the number of bed days lost owing to delayed discharges in hospitals in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [50728/18]

74. To ask the Minister for Health the initiatives being taken to alleviate overcrowding in University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [50713/18]



75. To ask the Minister for Health if the resources will be provided to the HSE to fully implement the recent report published on island health provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50866/18]

76. To ask the Minister for Health the reason appointments for cancer patients in the Mater Hospital are consistently being cancelled; if beds for cancer patients are being reallocated to alleviate the trolley crisis in the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [50602/18]

77. To ask the Minister for Health his plans in the event of a strike by nurses in public hospitals to deal with extended waiting lists and access to emergency department services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50772/18]

78. To ask the Minister for Health the contingency action he and the HSE are taking in the context of the United Kingdom possibly leaving the European Union without a deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [50711/18]

79. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients and or staff that contracted latent tuberculosis in Galway University Hospital by month in 2017 and to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50615/18]

80. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be taken to reduce the number of bed days lost owing to delayed discharges in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [50733/18]

81. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the recent engagement with the representatives of a company (details supplied) in the context of securing an agreement for the provision of Spinraza for children and adults with spinal muscular atrophy and that would benefit from its properties; if the talks are ongoing; the timeframe in this regard; the outcome of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [50803/18]

82. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the HSE is responding to a situation (details supplied); and his plans to deal with same. — Joan Collins. [50644/18]

83. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the State Claims Agency dealings with the survivors of those that have suffered adverse reactions from the Pandemrix swine flu vaccine administered in December 2009; his views on whether it is best practice that court cases directly involving victims are avoided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [50604/18]

84. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that future CervicalCheck screening can be carried out in publicly run facilities here to the highest standards; if the requirements needed in terms of suitably qualified graduates and university programmes have been examined to ensure such a programme can operate effectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50775/18]

85. To ask the Minister for Health the status of restoration of pay to section 39 organisations; if the necessary funds have been allocated to his Department; if not, the timeframe for payments to be restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [48839/18]

86. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to reduce the long waiting times for children in need of an assessment from early intervention teams in north County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [50717/18]

87. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding additional beds at Monaghan Hospital; his plans regarding these additional beds; and his further plans to expand the service delivery profile of the Monaghan Hospital site. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [50594/18]

88. To ask the Minister for Health the reason CHO 7 missed its target for home support hours during the first nine months of 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [50697/18]

89. To ask the Minister for Health when the short stay ward will open in Letterkenny University Hospital; the preparations the HSE has underway to ensure it is opened promptly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [50590/18]

90. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times Cork University Hospital broke its 24 hour emergency department waiting times for persons over 75 years of age to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [50870/18]

91. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the independent observer from the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland appointed to review the clinical assessments in a care home (details supplied) in County Roscommon has withdrawn from the process; the status of the review process; when an external person will be appointed to complete this review work; the timeframe for the review; if the HSE still plan to proceed with this review process which is contrary to the wishes of the families of residents at the home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [50598/18]

92. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the negotiation of a new general practitioner contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [50800/18]

93. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which Article 44 of the Constitution will not impact on the new national maternity hospital in St. Vincent's University Hospital in delivering abortion health care services (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [50591/18]

94. To ask the Minister for Health the reason CHO 2 missed its target for home support hours during the first nine months of 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [50700/18]

95. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the overcrowding crisis at the emergency department at Letterkenny University Hospital. — Pearse Doherty. [50593/18]

96. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 422 of 7 February 2018, the status of the roll out and location of a primary care centre in the western area of Galway city; the details of the pre-planning survey; when it was completed; the expected date on which the centre will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50614/18]

97. To ask the Minister for Health when the position taken by Dáil Éireann following the passing of a Private Members Bill on 3 May 2017, which called for the national maternity hospital to remain within public ownership and have legally guaranteed independence from all non-medical

influence will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [50776/18]

98. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the report by a person (details supplied) on an alternative system for dealing with claims arising out of the CervicalCheck scandal will be implemented. — Alan Kelly. [50781/18]

99. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to claims made by interviewees in a report (details supplied) that the HSE compelled organisations to sign service arrangements on the basis of known but formally unrecorded deficits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [50777/18]

100. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he plans to take to address the crisis in the retention and recruitment of nursing and specialised nursing staff in various departments of the public hospital system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50774/18]

101. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women that have been diagnosed with stage 4 cervical cancer here in each of the years 2015 to 2017 and to date in 2018. — Alan Kelly. [50782/18]

102. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the request by the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland for a 10% increase in basic specialist training places for 2018 was rejected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [50790/18]

103. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to improve and enhance cardiac care services for those living in the south east; his views on whether there is an equal provision of cardiac services in this region when compared with the rest of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [50874/18]

104. To ask the Minister for Health the actions the HSE will be taking to enable the Mercy University Hospital regain accreditation for carrying out colonoscopies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [50707/18]

105. To ask the Minister for Health when Pembrolizumab will be made available free of charge to all cervical cancer patients whose clinicians are of the view they require it. — Alan Kelly. [50824/18]

106. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the waiting times for the provision of home help; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50829/18]

107. To ask the Minister for Health the reason he has not allocated funding to an organisation (details supplied) in view of the essential service it provides to persons with autism in Galway city and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50613/18]

108. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the backlogs and waiting lists for children that are waiting on assessments of needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50830/18]

109. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the wait times experienced by women waiting for gynaecological services in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50837/18]

110. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assessment of needs under the Disability Act 2005 which are undertaken within the mandatory timeframe of three months of application; the number of applications that are not commenced within the mandatory timeframe; the sanctions placed on the HSE for breaching its statutory requirements in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50597/18]

111. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which the treatment purchase scheme can be activated to alleviate overcrowding at hospital accident and emergency departments and waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50826/18]

112. To ask the Minister for Health the initiatives being taken to alleviate overcrowding in Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [50720/18]

113. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline and the next steps to implement the findings of the review of hospital parking charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [50617/18]

114. To ask the Minister for Health the reason CHO 8 missed its target for home support hours during the first nine months of 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [50788/18]

115. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 127 of 6 November 2018, if he is satisfied that Galway University Hospital has no system to record the number and cost of all external reviews or investigations of patient care at the hospital for each of the past ten years; the steps he will take to establish this information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50612/18]

116. To ask the Minister for Health when a permanent cath laboratory will be in place at Sligo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [50794/18]

117. To ask the Minister for Health when an outpatient action plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [50796/18]

118. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a STI clinic in Athlone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [50736/18]

119. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to help community pharmacists expand their services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [50802/18]

120. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agency staff employed in nursing posts in the Southern Hospitals Group in 2018; the cost and number of hours worked; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [50872/18]

121. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place for primary care centres in County Laois to accommodate the growing population in the county. — Brian Stanley. [50832/18]

122. To ask the Minister for Health when work will commence on the construction of a 27 bed psychiatric unit in County Sligo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [50734/18]

123. To ask the Minister for Health the action he is taking to make savings on the drugs budget by increasing the use of biosimilar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [50801/18]

124. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied); and if he will consider the concerns raised by the not-for-profit sector that carry out vital work for persons with disabilities. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [50828/18]

125. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the discrepancies between the number of persons waiting for homecare packages in different counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [50868/18]

126. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the overcrowding in University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [50831/18]

127. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for changes to be made to pay parking in public hospitals. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [50564/18]

128. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 221 cases of false negatives given to women under the CervicalCheck screening programme by laboratory. — Bríd Smith. [50771/18]

129. To ask the Minister for Health the funding he plans to make available to voluntary organisations operating in the western region to provide back-up to families that have a member that is autistic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50867/18]

130. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he plans to take to address the estimated 1.5 million hours deficit in provision of homecare packages in 2018 and 2019 detailed in a report (details supplied). — Mick Wallace. [50869/18]

131. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the crisis level of opioid addiction and death by overdose in the United States of America according to data from the Centres for Disease Control (details supplied); if his attention has been further drawn to its increasing misuse here; if a specific public health campaign in relation to management of the use and misuse of Fentanyl has been put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [50599/18]

132. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the health service has not published a funded workforce plan for nursing and midwifery for 2018; if a plan will be forthcoming in 2018; if there has been progress on a 2019 plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [50780/18]

133. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with organisations (details supplied) in order to try to avert industrial action caused by the continuing recruitment and retention crisis, understaffing and safety in the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [50779/18]

134. To ask the Minister for Health his views on to the finding in the patient experience survey that just 23% of respondents in Tallaght Hospital said they were admitted to a ward within six hours of arriving at the emergency department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [50696/18]

135. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for a review of the 2015 CEO banding exercise that follows the review of salary levels for CEOs of section 38 funded agencies completed in 2015 as it relates to an organisation (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [43893/18]

136. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is reasonable that the blind community of CHO 6 would have to travel from County Wicklow to Tallaght for services that have always been available in Dún Laoghaire in view of reports of the possible transfer of a centre (details supplied) to Tallaght; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50805/18]

137. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of the public hospital bed compliment and that relevant staff are available throughout the public health sector to meet the challenges of the coming winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50825/18]

138. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a new ear, nose and throat service for persons in the mid-west region at Ennis General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [50609/18]

139. To ask the Minister for Health the number of attendances at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital accident and emergency department to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [50592/18]

140. To ask the Minister for Health the impact on the National Development Plan of recent disclosures of serious problems in respect of the publicly contracted building projects including health facilities; the amount of extra funding required to repair buildings; the impact of same on the overall spend on the National Development Plan; if he plans an additional supplementary estimate to meet the extra cost; if not, if the costs will come from savings; and if so, the source from which they will come. — Joan Burton. [49203/18]

141. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the trauma strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [50787/18]

142. To ask the Minister for Health the additional resources in terms of additional staff and beds required in order for emergency departments to meet the six hour target for admission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [50797/18]

143. To ask the Minister for Health if an access programme will be established to the drug Spinraza for children with spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [50616/18]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*144. To ask the Taoiseach the number of public sector staff from his Department seconded to work in other EU member states' public sector; and the schemes available for such secondments. — Niall Collins. [50996/18]

\*145. To ask the Taoiseach the progress his Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint. — Micheál Martin. [51138/18]

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

\*146. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of public sector staff from his Department seconded to work in other EU member states' public sector; the schemes available for such secondments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50986/18]

\*147. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the progress his Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51128/18]

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

\*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the EU-Morocco Fisheries Agreement and Protocol; if he will be attending the next meeting of the Agriculture and Fisheries Council on 17 and 18 December 2018; if the Agreement will be discussed; and if he will oppose the Agreement (details supplied). — Seán Crowe. [51140/18]

\*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of public sector staff from his Department seconded to work in other EU member states' public sector; the schemes available for such secondments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50990/18]

\*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the measures he will be taking in relation to the Saudi Arabian Government in wake of the murder of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [51089/18]

\*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to ensure that diplomatic efforts are maintained to assist with the fragile peace agreement in a country (details supplied); his further plans to encourage humanitarian efforts in the country; the position regarding engagement and the conflict resolution efforts at a community level in collaboration with HGOs in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51108/18]

\*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress his Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51132/18]

\*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if officials in his Department were involved in the discussions on the E3 visa renewal scheme. — Micheál Martin. [50864/18]

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

\*154. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of public sector staff from his Department seconded to work in other EU member states' public sector; the schemes available for such secondments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50989/18]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Finance the concerns raised by the European Commission relating to the taxation of intellectual property and its compliance with EU law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [51066/18]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Finance if enforcement proceedings or a review by the Central Bank have taken place in relation to the miscalculation of mortgage arrears by a licensed credit institution, retail credit firm or credit servicing firm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51069/18]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Central Bank has the authority to inspect the methodologies used by licensed credit institutions, retail credit firms or credit servicing firms to calculate mortgage arrears and to commence enforcement proceedings if those methodologies are found to be incorrect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51070/18]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is reference in the Consumer Protection Code or the Code of Conduct on Mortgage Arrears that deals with the calculation of mortgage arrears and the methodologies used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51071/18]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress his Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51131/18]

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

\*160. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Bill 2018 will be commenced before the end of 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [51103/18]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of public sector staff from his Department seconded to work in other EU member states' public sector; the schemes available for such secondments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50994/18]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position in relation to a minor works application (details supplied) in County Clare; when funding will be awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [51084/18]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress his Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51136/18]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if officials from his Department will meet with a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51141/18]



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

\*165. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application has been made to a fund (details supplied) in view of recent redundancies nationally at Bord na Móna; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [51068/18]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of public sector staff from his Department seconded to work in other EU member states' public sector; the schemes available for such secondments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50987/18]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the next round of new DEIS status will be allocated to primary schools; if a school (details supplied) will be included in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [51030/18]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will review the decision to refuse an application under the emergency works grant 2018 by a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51031/18]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of schools that have received pilot in-house speech and language and occupational therapy services; the number of pupils offered supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [51033/18]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the matters managed by his Department and the HSE, respectively with regard to pilot in-house speech and language and occupational therapy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [51034/18]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the work programme for the pilot in-house speech and language and occupational therapy services. — Thomas Byrne. [51035/18]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the process by which a child can apply to take part with regard to pilot in-house speech and language and occupational therapy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [51036/18]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cost of the pilot in-house speech and language and occupational therapy services to date; the expected cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [51037/18]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an extension for a school (details supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [51048/18]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of hours of physical activity included in the primary level school curriculum. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [51050/18]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of hours of physical activity included in the second-level school curriculum. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [51051/18]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the NCSE demonstration project; if he is working in consultation with SNAs on the project regarding training of SNAs; if the project plans to meet the requirements of children with special needs in schools here; the details of outcomes of engagement, successful or otherwise, between his Department and a union (details

supplied) in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51076/18]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress his Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51129/18]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason no pension benefit has been awarded by NUI Galway to a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [51142/18]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a position in the ETB is advertised requiring a higher diploma that a person that has a degree qualification in the relevant area has the right to apply for the position on the basis of equivalency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51143/18]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application by a school (details supplied) to the emergency works scheme for funding will be granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51145/18]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the changes which occurred to the educational points system following the introduction of a restructured leaving certificate programme in 2017 (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the number of students of leaving certificate year 2016 that have been impacted by this change in qualifying criteria; if those excluded from that leaving certificate year cohort will be granted access to the interview process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [51182/18]

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

\*183. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of public sector staff from his Department seconded to work in other EU member states' public sector; the schemes available for such secondments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50993/18]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if additional resources have been provided to process applications for permission to remain under the special scheme announced on 15 October 2018 in response to the decision of the Supreme Court in cases (details supplied); the length of time these applications will take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [51010/18]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will seek an update from An Garda Síochána into the case whereby a body washed ashore in County Leitrim in 1986; if new DNA methods will be used to identify this body which is buried in Manorhamilton, County Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [51039/18]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of former prison governors employed as consultants by the Irish Prison Service; the length of the time they have been employed; the amount they are being paid; the main purpose of their employment; and if they are assigned to a prison in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [51043/18]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the measures he is taking to resolve the issues persons are experiencing in securing an appointment to register for an appointment with the INIS;

if persons with upcoming expiration dates on their visas have been informed that they can stay here during the waiting time for appointments; if not, if they are allowed to travel during the Christmas break; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [51088/18]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if An Garda Síochána will be credited with the position of data protection officer in respect of CCTV cameras approved in their respective areas. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [51092/18]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 28 of 29 November 2018, the reason for the high numbers sleeping on mattresses in the Midlands Prison which was 674 nights in July 2018 if capacity is at 92%. — Clare Daly. [51115/18]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress his Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51135/18]

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

\*191. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of public sector staff from her Department seconded to work in other EU member states’ public sector; the schemes available for such secondments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50982/18]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the progress her Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51124/18]

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

\*193. To ask the Minister for Health if he has allocated moneys to a body (details supplied); his views on whether this representative body should receive State funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [51072/18]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public sector staff from his Department seconded to work in other EU member states’ public sector; the schemes available for such secondments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50991/18]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 463, 464 and 465 of 27 November 2018, the work being undertaken by the OPIOG in the area of health and environmental planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51001/18]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 463, 464 and 465 of 27 November 2018, if the feedback from the Healthy Ireland Stakeholder Forum on the Built Environment will form part of the discussions necessary to develop guidelines and support materials for those working in developing the built environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51002/18]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 463, 464 and 465 of 27 November 2018, the timeline for the consideration of the collated outcomes in detail by the

relevant Departments, the National Physical Activity Plan Implementation Group and the OPIOG for the purposes of advancing work in the area of health and environmental planning; if there is a proposed timeline for the development of these materials; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [51003/18]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the staffing resources to allow a person (details supplied) with a disability in County Kerry to live independently in shared assisted living accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51006/18]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive temporary rehabilitation remuneration pay from the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51007/18]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the staffing resources to allow a person (details supplied) with a disability in County Kerry to live independently in shared assisted living accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51008/18]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) who was referred to the audiology department in University College Hospital Galway will receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [51012/18]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Health when the HPV vaccine will be rolled out for boys and girls. — Lisa Chambers. [51017/18]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Health if the HPV vaccine will be rolled out for boys and girls in September 2019. — Lisa Chambers. [51018/18]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to roll out the HPV vaccine for boys and girls in September 2019. — Lisa Chambers. [51019/18]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Health the ages at which boys and girls will receive the HPV vaccine; the way in which it will be carried out, for example, in national school, secondary school or through the general practitioner network. — Lisa Chambers. [51020/18]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Health the age at which boys and girls will receive the HPV vaccine. — Lisa Chambers. [51021/18]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Health the budget in 2019 to commence the roll out of the HPV vaccine for boys and girls in September 2019. — Lisa Chambers. [51022/18]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Health the projected annual cost of the proposed roll out of the HPV vaccine for boys and girls; and the area in which this is budgeted for. — Lisa Chambers. [51023/18]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Health the consultation he has had with the HSE and the medical profession regarding the roll out of the HPV vaccine for boys and girls. — Lisa Chambers. [51024/18]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Health the reason cancer patients are not automatically entitled to a medical card (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [51027/18]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Health if a consultant's appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [51028/18]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Health the health spend per GNI star; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [51044/18]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS inpatient beds that are operational by unit and month over the past twelve months in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [51059/18]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Health the number of recommendations in relation to the implementation of the National Youth Mental Health Task Force Report 2017 which have been completed; the number of recommendations still outstanding; the progress made in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [51060/18]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in ensuring all young persons aged 0 to 25 years of age have access to an active listening service and dynamic signposting tool regarding recommendation 3 of the National Youth Mental Health Task Force Report 2017 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [51061/18]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Health the average time for processing and deciding a medical card application; if his attention has been drawn to the widespread concerns in relation to the delays that are occurring for many applicants that due to serious health ailments need medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [51063/18]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Health when additional resources will be provided to ensure that medical card applications are processed and finalised in a timely manner; if his attention has been drawn to the widespread concern in relation to the delays in having such applications processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [51064/18]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive a date for surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [51065/18]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agency medical professionals employed or contracted by his Department to provide occupational therapy and psychological services to meet the needs of parents to obtain timely assessments of needs of children with special needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51077/18]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the HSE's refusal to accept privately obtained professional medical assessments of needs of children with autism and other special needs; the reason for the adoption of this position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51078/18]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address matters (details supplied) in relation to CervicalCheck; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [51080/18]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 663 of 7 September 2018, if full tender documents are finalised; when this proposed facility will go to tender; if there is a commencement date for construction in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [51081/18]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Health if the urgent need for 24 hour care for a person (details supplied) will be recognised; if funding for same will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51091/18]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has had to wait a long time for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51094/18]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for HSE addiction rehabilitation programmes in all CHO areas to date in 2018; the average length of time a person is granted a HSE addiction rehabilitation programme in each of the CHO areas in 2016 and 2017 and to date in 2018; the number of private clinics the HSE works with in each of the CHO areas; the number of beds it has agreements on in each of these private clinics; and the percentage of persons that have entered HSE rehabilitation programmes nationally on more than one occasion in tabular form. — Fergus O'Dowd. [51095/18]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the general scheme of the human tissue Bill. — Robert Troy. [51096/18]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Eugene Murphy. [51100/18]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Health the position with regard to a facility (details supplied) in County Mayo; if he will consider keeping this facility open in particular the day services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [51106/18]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Health if respite care for a child (details supplied) in County Cork will be arranged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [51107/18]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Health the funding from his Department and the HSE for all neurological disorders (details supplied). — Maria Bailey. [51109/18]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has developed or plans to develop a dementia and delirium care pathway for acute patients. — Maria Bailey. [51110/18]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposals and timelines for the regulation of home and community care services for older persons. — Maria Bailey. [51111/18]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for an angiogram will be scheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [51116/18]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to enact the Irish Sign Language Act 2017. — Clare Daly. [51121/18]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Health the progress his Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51133/18]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Health if a reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied) dated 31 October 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51160/18]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 343 of 9 October 2018, if further testing of the population for the presence of environmental chemicals will be undertaken; the nature of these chemicals; if men will be included in the cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [51161/18]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Health if the annual €51,000 subvention from the HSE to a centre (details supplied) is for the purpose of paying rent for a unit in Castleisland, County Kerry; if so, the reason this is being paid through the centre; the number of years this has been the practice; and the purpose for which that premises is used. — Martin Ferris. [51183/18]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of the health budget to meet in full the costs likely to occur during the course of 2019; if budgetary overruns are expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51206/18]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Health the number of extra nurses recruited to the public health sector in the course of the past twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51207/18]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioner vacancies identified and waiting to be filled throughout the country; his plans to meet this requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51208/18]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant positions to be filled throughout the public health sector; his plans to fill these vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51209/18]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing posts available to be filled at all levels throughout the public health sector; his plans to fill these vacancies at an early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51210/18]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Health the number of positions filled throughout the public health sector in the past two years at administrative level and other levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51211/18]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting orthodontic treatment; the length of time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51212/18]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the public health sector has prepared for all eventualities over the winter months with particular reference to the need for a reduction in waiting times and overcrowding at accident and emergency departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51213/18]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he has monitored overcrowding at accident and emergency at various public hospitals throughout the country over the course of the past twelve months; his plans to address this issue and avoid a repeat in the winter of 2018/2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51214/18]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the administration of medical cards can be streamlined with a view to speeding up the turnaround and in respect of discretionary cards to

eliminate repeated requests for further information which have no bearing on the outcome other than the patient having a life threatening condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51215/18]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the hospital cannot be brought up to its full complement of patients with a view to alleviating pressure on hospital beds over the course of the winter months in view of the increasing requirement of nursing home beds as provided at St Brigid's Hospital, Crooksling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51216/18]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which the number of homecare packages can be increased in line with the demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51217/18]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which waiting lists for various procedures exist at various public hospitals throughout the country; the action taken or proposed to address such matters in the short and medium-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51218/18]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the treatment purchase scheme can be used to target waiting lists in the short and medium-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51219/18]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in the regionalisation of the HSE with a view to improving its efficiency, continuity of services and greater sensitivity to the needs of the general population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51220/18]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on waiting lists for hip replacements at various hospitals throughout the country; the longest period of time a patient has been on this waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51221/18]

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

\*255. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of public sector staff from his Department seconded to work in other EU member states' public sector; the schemes available for such secondments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50981/18]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a farm payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51026/18]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a list of injured and killed dogs racing at greyhound tracks here over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [51086/18]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51098/18]



\*259. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress his Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51123/18]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payments will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [51146/18]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of full-time and part-time staff working in the dedicated market access unit established within the meat and milk policy division by staff grade in tabular form; and the annual cost of the unit including staffing costs. — Charlie McConalogue. [51176/18]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the requirements for farmers operating in a locked-down system for the purposes of TB eradication (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [51200/18]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of beef herds operating in a locked-down system for the purposes of TB eradication here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [51201/18]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of feedlots operating here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [51202/18]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 247 of 14 November 2018, when a reply will issue. — Martin Kenny. [51203/18]

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

\*266. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of public sector staff from his Department seconded to work in other EU member states' public sector; the schemes available for such secondments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50984/18]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when high speed broadband will be available at a location (details supplied); the reason the latest installation did not go as far as this location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51029/18]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason he has not appointed a regulator to regulate and monitor the market for home heating oil; if he will provide the last market monitoring report, competition report, consumer protection code or consumer survey report produced by his Department or by a body under the aegis of his Department in relation to the market for home heating oil; and the way in which he plans to promote competition, protect consumers and ensure sustainability in the market. — Róisín Shortall. [51073/18]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeline for the opening of RESS-1 and RESS-2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [51097/18]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when broadband will be available in an area (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [51099/18]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress his Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51126/18]

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

\*272. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of public sector staff from his Department seconded to work in other EU member states' public sector; the schemes available for such secondments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50997/18]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the expected date on the commencement of the Ardee bypass; the expected length of time before completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [51062/18]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a matter in relation to a lease (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51105/18]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress his Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51139/18]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding an application by a club (details supplied) for floodlights and ancillary equipment under the sports capital grant scheme. — Clare Daly. [51149/18]

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

\*277. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of public sector staff from her Department seconded to work in other EU member states' public sector; the schemes available for such secondments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50983/18]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to have the Ombudsman for Children report published in relation to incidents at Oberstown; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [51004/18]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of staff recruited to Oberstown, by administration and care work in each of the past four years; the number of staff departing in the same period; the average length of employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [51005/18]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the spending by her Department in Dublin by local authority area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51016/18]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the ongoing investigations into an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51025/18]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will direct Pobal to provide an extension of time for works to be completed at a family resource centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [51032/18]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of beds provided in the 155 units of Tusla funded domestic violence refuge and step down accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51040/18]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if Tusla will address a matter (details supplied) as a priority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51054/18]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016. — Clare Daly. [51085/18]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the progress her Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51125/18]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the playschool application by a school (details supplied) will be reviewed for support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51175/18]

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

\*288. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of public sector staff from his Department seconded to work in other EU member states' public sector; the schemes available for such secondments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50995/18]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the adjudication process regarding applications for the Rural Regeneration Development Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51101/18]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the review of the Community Services Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51102/18]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress his Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51137/18]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the recent funding announcement for a walk (details supplied) will include an extension or development of the wheelchair walk; the way in which the funds will be used; when works will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51199/18]

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

\*293. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of public sector staff from her Department seconded to work in other EU member states' public sector; the schemes available for such secondments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50988/18]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the waiting times from when an appeal of disability allowance is granted by the appeals office to when payment issues from the disability allowance section; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [51009/18]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application for disability allowance by a person (details supplied) will be expedited in view of the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [51067/18]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on a disability allowance claim by a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [51079/18]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [51093/18]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will issue on a carer's allowance review for a person (details supplied); when payment will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [51104/18]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the details of all payments in relation to illness benefit that have issued to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51112/18]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the details of all payments in relation to illness benefit that have issued to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51113/18]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the details of all payments in relation to illness benefit that have issued to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51114/18]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress her Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51130/18]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an outstanding illness benefit payment for a person (details supplied) will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [51144/18]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the Budget 2019 allocation to farm and fish assist. — Charlie McConalogue. [51180/18]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of a proposal (details supplied) over a calendar year and taking into account changes announced in Budget 2019. — Charlie McConalogue. [51181/18]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied). — Tom Neville. [51190/18]

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

\*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of public sector staff from his Department seconded to work in other EU member states' public sector; the schemes available for such secondments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50992/18]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason a project (details supplied) was excluded from the urban regeneration and development fund. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [51052/18]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount allocated for a project (details supplied) under the urban regeneration and development fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [51053/18]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress his Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51134/18]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position regarding the report that has been prepared in respect of coastal erosion across all 19 local authorities in which coastlines are under threat from erosion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [51186/18]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the forthcoming referenda planned by the Government. — Micheál Martin. [50865/18]

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

\*313. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans for the commemoration of the Civil War and particularly the remembrance of the republicans executed officially, unofficially or summarily in addition to those murdered by the Free State in view of a statement in Dáil Éireann on 24 November 2011. — Pat Buckley. [51055/18]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to issue a State apology for the republicans murdered by the Free State at Ballyseedy on 7 March 1923 (details supplied) in view of a statement in Dáil Éireann on 24 November 2011. — Pat Buckley. [51056/18]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to issue a State apology for all IRA volunteers, republicans and civilians executed by the Free State during the Civil

War whether carried officially, unofficially or summarily in view of a statement in Dáil Éireann on 24 November 2011. — Pat Buckley. [51057/18]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to collate a full list of all IRA volunteers, republicans and civilians executed by the Free State during the civil war whether carried officially, unofficially or summarily to be published in view of a statement in Dáil Éireann on 24 November 2011. — Pat Buckley. [51058/18]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of public sector staff from her Department seconded to work in other EU member states' public sector; the schemes available for such secondments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50985/18]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the progress her Department has achieved in relation to reducing its carbon footprint; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51127/18]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 6 NOLLAIG, 2018  
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 2018**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to cater for the shortage of skilled labour in the agricultural sector and the competitiveness issues arising if unaddressed. — Billy Kelleher. [51188/18]

2. 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. [51041/18]

3. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the payments made to date under the areas of natural constraints scheme by county. — Martin Heydon. [51172/18]

4. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the introduction of a Border control post at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [50974/18]

5. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on recent negotiations resulting in the 20% reduction in mackerel quota for fishermen here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51117/18]

6. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports provided to Bord Bia to assist agri-food businesses here find new markets for produce in the context of a potentially changed trading environment post Brexit. — Peter Burke. [51197/18]

7. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the plans announced in Budget 2018 to introduce a low cost cash flow loan scheme for farmers have now been abandoned in view of the fact that there seems to be no movement on a hardship fund to help bridge cash flow difficulties for farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [50998/18]

8. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the inherent cruelty involved in live hare coursing; and his views on whether Ireland's reputation is being damaged by allowing this blood sport to continue in the face of international bans on the activity. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [51049/18]

9. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the arrangements for the reopening of the organic farming scheme; the primary areas of focus in this regard; the budget for the extended scheme; and the number of farmers that could apply. — Eamon Ryan. [51159/18]

10. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the ANC review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51189/18]

11. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to ensure that the carbon footprint of the agriculture sector here is being reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [51173/18]

12. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of discussions with his colleague in the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht regarding the timeline to complete the threat response plan for hen harrier areas; and his views on permitting afforestation in hen harrier areas. — Michael Moynihan. [51150/18]

13. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of businesses in the food production sector that have availed of the Brexit loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51148/18]

14. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the joint approach to One Health being adopted by his Department and the Department of Health. — Martin Heydon. [51038/18]

15. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether it is counterproductive to eradicating TB to allow inconclusive TB reactor cattle move to and be finished in beef herds (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [51166/18]

16. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the progress made by the agri-food sector here in developing a market for Irish beef in China. — Fergus O'Dowd. [51192/18]

17. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the nature and level of discussions he has had with beef factories in order to ensure farm producers receive a reasonable price for beef; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [51205/18]

18. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures in place for tackling invasive species such as Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam and gunnera tinctoria; and the role of his Department in managing the control of invasive species. — Catherine Martin. [51156/18]

19. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding discussions in relation to the next CAP reform; and his priorities for the next CAP. — Peter Burke. [51198/18]

20. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the other schemes available to farmers to facilitate their transition towards a low carbon economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51119/18]

21. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times to date in 2018 that beef processing factories have been fined for breaching EU carcass trimming rules; the range of fines imposed; the maximum level that can be imposed; the number of inspections by officials in 2018 to such factories to check that grading and trimming is in compliance with regulations; and if will he consider publishing names of factories fined in 2018. — Charlie McConalogue. [51167/18]

22. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to change the rates of payment from 2019 in relation to the ANC scheme in order that these rates reflect more the natural constraint of the land farmers are farming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50978/18]

23. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress to date in relation to the roll out of the agricultural sustainability support and advisory programme with particular reference to the ongoing need to encourage sustainable farming whilst at the same time meeting water quality requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51155/18]

24. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagement his Department has with the revision of the Common Agricultural Policy; and the process by which the EU Council of Ministers will address the design of the new CAP system. — Catherine Martin. [51157/18]

25. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address the crisis in the beef industry; the measures he plans to introduce to alleviate the near collapse of the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [50976/18]

26. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the €20 million beef environmental efficiency pilot scheme introduced in Budget 2019; the maximum payment per cow and weanling; when will the scheme open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [51169/18]

27. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of commonage framework plans outstanding under the GLAS programme; the number of payments to farmers delayed as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [51162/18]

28. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider developing an application that could be linked to Agfood.ie and would be accessible on smartphones in order that farmers can record births and animal movements more easily; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [51164/18]

29. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to increase the maximum area on which a farmer can receive payment under the ANC scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50979/18]



30. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether beef farmers are receiving a fair price for their produce from factories; the course of action he will take with factories following the reports of fines being imposed for excessive carcass trimming in 2018; the level of fines imposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51184/18]

31. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of developments regarding SMP intervention at EU level; the details of data on sales; the plans the EU Commission has for SMP intervention tendering in 2019; and the position of Ireland on same. — Jackie Cahill. [51185/18]

32. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of grants for forestry development awarded to entities here over the past five years; the size of forestry development for each grant awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51120/18]

33. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has met or discussed with an association (details supplied) in relation to concerns of an increase in illegal hunting with dogs in north County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [51075/18]

34. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the operational details of the long-term Brexit loan schemes announced in Budget 2019 for farmers, fishermen and food businesses in 2019; when it will open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [51170/18]

35. 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 discussions at the recent beef forum meeting; the actions and deadlines agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [51171/18]

36. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports available to farmers in view of the challenging circumstances encountered in 2018 including fodder shortages, increased input costs and decline in prices; and if all payments will be made before the end of 2018 according to the timeline set out in the farmers charter. — Michael Moynihan. [51151/18]

37. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is examining or has examined the possibility of prohibiting live hare coursing; if not, if a consultation process will be opened in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [47213/18]

38. 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 his recent trade missions to Indonesia. — Tom Neville. [51193/18]

39. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department is taking to help to meet Ireland's carbon emission targets. — Clare Daly. [51074/18]

40. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to protect farmers in Border counties from a hard Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50980/18]

41. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider developing the Agfood.ie site to allow sheep farmers record and view sheep movements and census figures in order not to have to rely on hard copy sheep registers and dispatch docketts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [51165/18]

42. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has reviewed the five year strategy document from an association (details supplied); his plans to act upon it and a company's report on the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [51163/18]

43. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the new appeal system will be operational for townlands deemed not eligible for the 2019 ANC scheme. — Charlie McConalogue. [51168/18]

44. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to reduce the use of pesticides in the agriculture sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [51174/18]

45. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to prepare the agri-food industry for the impact of a possible disorderly Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51147/18]

46. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which live exports have performed to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [51191/18]

47. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the scoping report and assessment of disposal options for the silt at Howth Harbour; when the dredging programme will be undertaken at this working fishery harbour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50977/18]

48. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts being made to safeguard the fishing sector in the context of Brexit. — Hildegard Naughton. [51195/18]

49. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has engaged with an association (details supplied) to ensure there will not be a repeat of the incident that happened in Macroom by which a hunt entered a residential area endangering public safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [51047/18]

50. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to ensure that farmers experience no unnecessary delays in direct payments crucial to agri-businesses (details supplied); if a modernised advance payment system will be introduced to assist farmers in situations in which the delays are caused by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [51042/18]

51. 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; and the payments made to date under the sheep welfare scheme. — Hildegard Naughton. [51196/18]

52. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the recent decision of a company (details supplied) to enter the American market with its own butter product; if his attention has been drawn to the fact producers have voiced concerns that this may undermine a

premium quality butter brand which is already well established in the American market. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [51045/18]

53. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts he is making to seek new markets in the context of Brexit; and the efforts being made by the State agencies under his remit to provide support to agri-food business. — Tom Neville. [51194/18]

54. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to address the labour and skills shortages in the agricultural sector; and the way in which this deficit will be met in order to reach Foods Wise 2025 targets. — Billy Kelleher. [51187/18]

55. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to reopen the organic farming scheme with particular reference to the market demand for organically produced food; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51154/18]

56. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of negotiations regarding access to fishing rights here post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51118/18]

57. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details and criteria for the new ANC scheme; the way in which additional funding will be allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [51204/18]