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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the price beef farmers are receiving for their produce from factories; 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 grading and trimming is in compliance with regulations; the names of factories fined to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [51344/18]

2. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proposed good agricultural and environmental conditions for the next CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [51346/18]

3. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the latest developments regarding SMP intervention at EU level; if he will provide data on sales; the plans the EU Commission has for SMP intervention tendering in 2019; and the position of the Government in this regard. — Jackie Cahill. [51345/18]

4. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the joint British and EU position is that sea fisheries is to be dealt with separately from trade in accordance with the wording of article 6 paragraph 1 of the withdrawal agreement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [51347/18]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

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

5. 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]

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*62. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51370/18]

*63. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each Act was signed into law in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51386/18]

*64. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the grant and funding schemes operated by his Department; the value of each scheme; and the basis or criteria used for the allocation of funding in respect of each scheme. — Róisín Shortall. [51402/18]

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

*65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the recent events between Russia and Ukraine; the EU response to this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51262/18]

*66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the potential for Irish citizens to receive E3 visas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51263/18]

*67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on efforts to recommence the executive in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51264/18]

*68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the disputed territory of Western Sahara; the EU position on this territory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51317/18]

*69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the situation in South Sudan; the efforts being made by Ireland, the EU and the international community to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51318/18]

*70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the situation in Hungary and the erosion of civil society and independent media; the steps that have been formally taken at EU level to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51319/18]

*71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51374/18]

*72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each Act was signed into law in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51390/18]

*73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the grant and funding schemes operated by his Department; the value of each scheme; and the basis or criteria used for the allocation of funding in respect of each scheme. — Róisín Shortall. [51406/18]

*74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if issues with the election observer roster appraisal process have been rectified (details supplied); the reason for the delay; the other steps required to finalise the process; the date on which persons will be placed on the new roster; the appeal process for unsuccessful candidates; the amount expended on consultancy fees to date regarding this process; the number of candidates that have applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [51489/18]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*75. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners will contact a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [51225/18]

*76. To ask the Minister for Finance the Central Bank regulations in relation to the use of plain language by financial institutions; the locations in which these regulations can be accessed; the input he has had in relation to these regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51233/18]

*77. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff in his Department that have a degree or higher degree level qualifications in economics; the proportion of staff that are so qualified in relation to the total staff of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51259/18]

*78. To ask the Minister for Finance the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51373/18]

*79. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each Act was signed into law in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51389/18]

*80. To ask the Minister for Finance the grant and funding schemes operated by his Department; the value of each scheme; and the basis or criteria used for the allocation of funding in respect of each scheme. — Róisín Shortall. [51405/18]

*81. To ask the Minister for Finance the average time for a complaint to be fully investigated and concluded by the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsmen from the initial complaint to final decision; the number of complaints received and investigations completed in each of the past five years; if his attention has been drawn to the perceived lengthy delays to the complaints investigation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51429/18]

*82. To ask the Minister for Finance the work that has been carried out to date on the scheme for VAT compensation for charities; when the scheme will commence; the persons or bodies that will be eligible to claim a refund of VAT; the amount available; the way in which it will operate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51436/18]

*83. To ask the Minister for Finance when HBFI will be fully established; the number of employees it plans to hire; the number of those that will be seconded from NAMA; the number that will be fully hired from NAMA; when he expects to have all employees in place and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51473/18]

*84. To ask the Minister for Finance when he expects the €750 million to be drawn down by HBFI; when he expects HBFI to be in a position to lend money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51474/18]

*85. To ask the Minister for Finance the average loan to cost that the HBFI plans to provide to developers; the average interest rate for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51475/18]

*86. To ask the Minister for Finance if there will be a cost to the Exchequer as a result of the deal struck with Malta to end the single malt tax strategy; if so, the amount on a full year basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51476/18]

*87. To ask the Minister for Finance if the exemptions on the loan to income and loan to value mortgage rules are based on approvals or drawdowns; if there are restrictions on exemptions based on the overall loan book; his views on the alleged practice of banks providing incentives to customers in order for them to delay drawdown of their mortgage until 2019; the views of the Central Bank on same; if there are tools that the Central Bank can use to curb such behaviour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51477/18]

*88. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are risks to Ireland both macro-prudentially or otherwise from international banks moving significant portions of assets to Ireland in anticipation of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51478/18]

*89. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are tax implications in relation international banks moving significant portions of assets here in anticipation of Brexit; if so, the anticipated cost and or benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51479/18]

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance if the moving of assets here by international banks in anticipation of Brexit will have a substantial impact on Ireland's gross domestic product, gross national product and GNI star figures; if he will quantify these impacts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51480/18]

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance the action he has taken to help reduce motor insurance costs specifically for returning emigrants, drivers of older cars and drivers that are switching from named driver status to fully comprehensive in their own right; and the monitoring measures in place to identify pricing trends in these specific sectors of the motor insurance market. — Róisín Shortall. [51487/18]

*92. To ask the Minister for Finance the action that has been taken to date in respect of each of the recommendations made by the cost of insurance working group report on the cost of motor insurance. — Róisín Shortall. [51488/18]

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

*93. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position in relation to a flood prevention scheme (details supplied) in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [51255/18]

*94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the changes made as a result of sick leave to the manner in which public servants avail of incremental pay increases since 2010; and the changes to rules governing sick leave and their impact on scheduled incremental pay increases in recent years. — Bríd Smith. [51256/18]

*95. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the changes as a result of FEMPI or the Public Service Pay and Pensions Act 2017 in the impact that sick leave may have on projected incremental pay levels of public servants. — Bríd Smith. [51257/18]

*96. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of staff in his Department that have a degree or higher degree level qualifications in economics; the proportion of staff that are so qualified in relation to the total staff of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51260/18]

*97. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his policy and the policy in the civil service in general in relation to facilitating workers that wish to join a trade union of their choice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51275/18]

*98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 189 of 16 October 2018, his plans for further action in view of media reports (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [51280/18]

*99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the guidance issued to Departments regarding whether sick leave has an impact on the progression of pay increments for public sector workers; if this guidance has changed in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [51314/18]

*100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51378/18]

*101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each Act was signed into law in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51394/18]

*102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the grant and funding schemes operated by his Department; the value of each scheme; the basis or criteria used for the allocation of funding in respect of each scheme.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51410/18]

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

*103. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for additional classrooms; if the school management will be advised of planned developments in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [51228/18]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to legislate for the use of plain language in Government publications and across Departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51230/18]

*105. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of adults by age that have literacy issues in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; the number of adults that have numeracy issues by age; the measures he is taking to address the needs of these persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51231/18]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children by age that have literacy issues in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; the number of children that have numeracy issues by age; the measures he is taking to address the needs of these children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51232/18]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application by a school (details supplied) in County Donegal for additional school accommodation for the construction of a classroom, general purpose hall and disability toilets was received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51239/18]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has considered introducing a sliding distance scale in cases in which a person is under the distance for the non-adjacent SUSI grant and the family (details supplied) is in receipt of family income supplement by which the payment rate could be increased in accordance with the distance from the college; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [51240/18]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the rules regarding the ability of ETBs to reduce FET allowance payments for those on qualifying courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51307/18]

*110. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the complete former rate of jobseeker's payment including increases for qualified dependents is reduced and not solely the previous personal jobseeker's rate in circumstances in which a decision is taken to reduce the FET allowance payment to a person for lateness, missing training and so on; his views on whether this discrepancy causes unnecessary hardship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51308/18]

*111. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide an extension or additional school places at a school (details supplied). — Martin Heydon. [51309/18]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51371/18]

*113. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each Act was signed into law in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51387/18]

*114. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the grant and funding schemes operated by his Department; the value of each scheme; and the basis or criteria used for the allocation of funding in respect of each scheme. — Róisín Shortall. [51403/18]

*115. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding will be approved for categories 7 to 10 under the minor works scheme (details supplied); when this funding will be set aside; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51419/18]

*116. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a SNA will be provided for a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51424/18]

*117. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application by a school (details supplied) in County Donegal for additional school accommodation, the construction of a classroom, general purpose hall and disability toilets was received; if his attention has been drawn to the need for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51438/18]

*118. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the protections available to students and staff when an English language training school faces financial difficulty in view of media reports (details supplied) and in view of the significant budget that has been set aside to market Ireland as a destination for English language training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51447/18]

*119. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) will be housed within an existing permanent educational facility in order to ensure that the students are not forced to receive education in prefabs; his plans to ensure that the proposed school which has already been delayed will be completed in 2019; his further plans to ensure that funding will be provided for educational resources in library facilities and recreational facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51484/18]

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

*120. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans with regard to signing the UN Migration Pact; the reason for this decision; the potential impact this pact will have on Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [51268/18]

*121. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to sign up to an international agreement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [51289/18]

*122. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the UN Global Compact on Migration; the position of the Government on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51320/18]

*123. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he is taking to address issues in relation to visas for Irish persons with a partner from a non-European Economic Area in cases in which the partner is not eligible to work due to visa requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51234/18]

*124. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when all sections of the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 will be enacted; the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51270/18]

*125. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 20 of 17 October 2018, the meaning of the reactivation of all existing applications for repatriation under the Transfer of Sentenced Persons Act 1995 in practical terms for UK prisoners depending on their sentence type in view of the fact that the applications are likely to lapse without the required legislative changes to the Act; his views on whether the reactivations may raise false expectations of prisoners and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [51271/18]

*126. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on whether the delays in processing applications from migrant workers to work here are justifiable (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51298/18]

*127. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if delays and ongoing technical difficulties in receiving documentation and processing applications as experienced by migrant workers coming here could be eased by the use of online applications without the need for visits to GNIB offices especially in cases of workers already resident here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51299/18]

*128. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans for extra resources to be deployed in the INIS and GNIB in view of delays facing migrants that need to apply for visas or for renewal of residency permits, and in further view of the exit of the United Kingdom from the EU and the

added pressure this may place on the system in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51300/18]

*129. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the process for companies to continue to be issued licences from the Private Security Authority; the conditions under which licences will be refused; if taxation irregularities would be a ground's to refuse a licence in view of a recent incident (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [51303/18]

*130. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a decision is likely in respect of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51326/18]

*131. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which an application for residency, naturalisation or an update of stamp 4 has been progressed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51327/18]

*132. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed to regularise residency and entitlement to seek employment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51328/18]

*133. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when stamp 4 will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51329/18]

*134. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when regularisation of residency will be arranged in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51330/18]

*135. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if all documentation requested has been received in order to expedite an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51331/18]

*136. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding an update of stamp 4 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51332/18]

*137. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and expected position in regard to regularisation of residency and or stamp 4 in respect of family eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51333/18]

*138. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of residency status and entitlement to naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51334/18]

*139. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51336/18]

*140. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and expected position in regard to the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51340/18]

*141. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a decision to deport in the case of a person (details supplied) will be reconsidered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51341/18]

*142. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and expected position in regard to an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51342/18]

*143. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51377/18]

*144. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each Act was signed into law in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51393/18]

*145. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the grant and funding schemes operated by his Department; the value of each scheme; and the basis or criteria used for the allocation of funding in respect of each scheme. — Róisín Shortall. [51409/18]

*146. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason for the ongoing delay in commencing Part 9 of the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015; if his attention has been drawn to the impact and distress the delay in commencing the Part of the Act is having on affected families; the timescale to complete the relevant work to allow for commencement in view of the fact that numerous deadlines have been missed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51464/18]

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

*147. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by her Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51366/18]

*148. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of acts passed since March 2011 that her Department is responsible for; the date each Act was signed into law in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51382/18]

*149. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the grant and funding schemes operated by her Department; the value of each scheme; the basis or criteria used for the allocation of funding in respect of each scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51398/18]

*150. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps being taken to reduce inequality in the workplace; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51414/18]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*151. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to retain long stay residential care services at St. Joseph's and Ramelton Community Hospitals, County Donegal have been signed off. — Pearse Doherty. [51224/18]

*152. To ask the Minister for Health if the building of the proposed new national maternity hospital on the grounds of St. Vincent's Hospital is time sensitive in respect of compliance with EU directives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51226/18]

*153. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to include Ataxia on the long term illness scheme list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [51229/18]

*154. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body at national level with expertise in neuro-trauma and or disability that is leading and responsible for the roll out of the neurorehabilitation implementation framework. — Clare Daly. [51236/18]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which neurorehabilitation services being rolled out under the Neurorehabilitation Implementation Framework will integrate with existing services. — Clare Daly. [51237/18]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the drug Belmumiab is not publically available to patients here (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51241/18]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for processing applications under the nursing home support scheme in CHO 1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [51245/18]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health when an occupational therapy appointment will be made for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [51246/18]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health the contracts the HSE or its agents have with a company (details supplied); when each of these contracts were signed; when each of these contracts were tendered for; the value of each contract from its commencement to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [51247/18]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health if he will direct the HSE to engage with the ambulance personnel branch of an association (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [51249/18]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health the contracts the HSE or its agents have with a company (details supplied); when each of these contracts were signed; when each of these contracts were tendered for; the value of each contract from its commencement to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [51250/18]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health if all medical waste from public hospitals is being recycled as much as possible and not being sent into landfill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [51251/18]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a reablement homecare service in County Galway, similar to the successful programme introduced as a pilot scheme in the Dublin north city area and subsequently established there as a permanent service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [51267/18]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health his policy and the policy in the health service in general in relation to facilitating workers that wish to join a trade union of their choice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51274/18]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure the HSE uses to determine if discretion should be used to waive inpatient fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [51276/18]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times per year since 2012 the HSE waived inpatient fees in cases of excessive hardship in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [51277/18]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health the amount per year that has been raised by the HSE from inpatient mental health patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [51278/18]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51279/18]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51281/18]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health if the number of ambulances that are estimated to be dispatched following a 999 call in circumstances in which the person is advised that the wait for arrival to the patients address is more than three hours is recorded; the number of estimates of this waiting time or above given to 999 callers in an emergency; if the despatch times have been audited; if he has considered allocating additional resources to the relevant districts in view of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [51288/18]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 218 of 28 November 2018, if he will clarify a series of matters in relation to same (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [51294/18]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health if eligibility for a medical card will be reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); if the case will be reviewed as a matter of urgency with a view to restoring a medical card to enable them receive the required treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51305/18]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51306/18]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health the position of a person (details supplied) on the waiting list to see a clinical psychologist at the Enniscorthy CAMHS; the length of time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51313/18]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for processing applications under the nursing home support scheme in CHO 2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [51321/18]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health the contracts the HSE or its agents have with a company (details supplied); when each contract was signed; when these contracts were tendered for; the value of each contract from commencement to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [51323/18]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter (details supplied) regarding the Cross Border Directive will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51325/18]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51375/18]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each Act was signed into law in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51391/18]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health the grant and funding schemes operated by his Department; the value of each scheme; and the basis or criteria used for the allocation of funding in respect of each scheme. — Róisín Shortall. [51407/18]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health if the management of the HSE is engaging with public health nurses in CHO area 1 south Donegal community nursing service as per the recommendations of the WRC in February 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [51413/18]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health when an organisation (details supplied) will receive notification of funding for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51426/18]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health when an organisation (details supplied) will receive notification of funding for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51427/18]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health the number and value for claims paid by the HSE in respect of persons by county in each of the years since 2014 under the Cross Border Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51434/18]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the ongoing delay in fully commencing the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015; if his attention has been drawn to the impact and distress the long delay in commencing the delayed parts of this Act is having on affected families; the timescale to complete the relevant work to allow for commencement in view of the fact that numerous deadlines have been missed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51463/18]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health if he is seeking to include a public interest director on the board of the new national maternity hospital in view of media reports (details supplied); if so, the purpose of such a role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51465/18]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health if a review will be carried out on a decision in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51470/18]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health when sections 2 and 3 of the Children and Family Relationships (Amendment) Act 2018, as amended, will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [51485/18]

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

*189. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the factories that were penalised to date in 2018 for excessive carcass trimming; when the farmers whose cattle were wrongly trimmed and as result have not been fully paid will be informed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [51348/18]

*190. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the temporary draw down of stamps by a parent at the cessation of an employment is considered in the calculation of farm income for a young farmers application for funding from the National Reserve Fund; if so, the justification of same in view of the temporary nature of the income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51243/18]

*191. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a forestry contract (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [51269/18]

*192. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51365/18]

*193. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each Act was signed into law in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51381/18]

*194. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the grant and funding schemes operated by his Department; the value of each scheme; and the basis or criteria used for the allocation of funding in respect of each scheme. — Róisín Shortall. [51397/18]

*195. 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. [51425/18]

*196. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to encourage new markets for Irish food and food products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51449/18]

*197. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to make preparations to capitalise on Brexit with particular reference to the opening up of new opportunities for Irish food production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51450/18]

*198. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which he remains satisfied regarding the future development and expansion of the beef sector with particular reference to its ability to compete on world markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51451/18]

*199. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the future prospects for the dairy sector with particular reference to export markets; the extent to which the sector continues to achieve its high quality and competitiveness on international markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51452/18]

*200. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which the poultry sector here is set to compete with or gain from issues arising from Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51453/18]

*201. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which adequate slaughtering facilities remain readily available to meet the needs of beef, lamb and pig producers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51454/18]

*202. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he plans to take in conjunction with his EU colleagues to protect the concept of the viability of the family farm enterprise throughout Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51455/18]

*203. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which all farm support payments already due in 2018 have been paid up to date; the number outstanding for technical or other reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51456/18]

*204. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which indicators in respect of Food Harvest 2020 and Food Wise 2025 remain in line with expectations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51457/18]

*205. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he expects the agri-food sector to develop over the next ten years with particular reference to the need to remain competitive on world markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51458/18]

*206. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if all meat and meat products available here and throughout the EU continue to accurately reflect their ingredients, country of origin and relevant quality standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51459/18]

*207. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the future national consultative forum arranged by a board (details supplied) will have members from other associated interests. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [51460/18]

*208. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that the employment arrangements in a specific area (details supplied) are satisfactory. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [51461/18]

*209. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if persons (details supplied) in County Cork have qualified for participation in the reviewed ANC. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [51469/18]

*210. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons in receipt of GLAS 1, 2 and 3 that have received the 85% advance payment of the 2018 payment; the number of persons that have passed all payment approval checks and are awaiting the 85% portion of the 2018 payment; the number of GLAS recipients that have yet to receive this portion of payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [51481/18]

*211. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will instruct the recent international fisheries negotiations in Bergen, Norway between the European Union, Norway and the Faroe Islands and on the management of mackerel in the north east Atlantic; and the impact the quotas fixed will have on fishermen and coastal communities here. — Charlie McConalogue. [51482/18]

*212. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports available for farmers for growing sugar beet. — Charlie McConalogue. [51491/18]

*213. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he and his Department continue to encourage new markets for Irish food and food products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51492/18]

*214. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which new opportunities arise for the artisan food sector; the extent to which his Department continues to assist in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51493/18]

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

*215. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to increase the personnel and resources of the National Cyber Security Centre in 2019 in view of the increase in the workload of the Agency over recent months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51258/18]

*216. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if persons that received attic insulation only under the better energy warmer homes scheme are eligible to apply for the revised scheme which now includes internal and external wall insulation in view of the fact that such works were not available under the previous scheme; if not, his plans to include same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [51273/18]

*217. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to introduce a grant for the removal and disposal of asbestos from domestic houses which are carrying out renovations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51292/18]

*218. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he is satisfied with the level of independence of the independent assessors appointed to review post office closures (details supplied); his further views on whether it is appropriate that An Post communicates the outcome of appeals to independent assessors rather than the independent assessors responding to the appeals directly; his further views on whether this is appropriate for other State appeals mechanisms (details supplied); if he approved this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [51295/18]

*219. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51368/18]

*220. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each Act was signed into law in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51384/18]

*221. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the grant and funding schemes operated by his Department; the value of each scheme; and the basis or criteria used for the allocation of funding in respect of each scheme. — Róisín Shortall. [51400/18]

*222. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether the decision by An Post to close up to 159 post offices is in line with policy; if he approved the decision by An Post to close large numbers of post offices; his further views on whether the decision respects the Dáil Éireann motion introduced by the Rural Independent Group on the future of the post office network in 2016; his views on whether the decision to close post offices is in line with his commitments on post offices outlined on page 48 in the Programme for Partnership Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [51416/18]

*223. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures he has taken to fulfil his commitment on post offices and community banking as outlined in the Programme for Partnership Government (details supplied); the measures that have been taken to establish the feasibility of offering motor tax and other State services in post offices; if he has established a working group to identify the potential for local post offices to act as hubs and as a one stop shop for State services; if he will report on the progress of work carried out to meet these commitments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [51417/18]

*224. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he will take to address the perceived inadequate electric car charging infrastructure in Dublin city; and his plans to ensure that Dublin City Council and the ESB cooperate to provide designated charging bays in view of the fact that these are frequently used for regular parking and therefore not available for charging. — Róisín Shortall. [51466/18]

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

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of an application by a club (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [51248/18]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of deputations from sports groups for the sports capital program to date; the criteria he has to meet groups; if he will be facilitating further requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [51254/18]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be provided for the north County Kerry greenway; when a decision on funding will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [51261/18]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be provided to fully replace the section of the N62 that passes through Roscrea, County Tipperary in view of the fact it is in a condition that is neither safe or acceptable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51286/18]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be provided to fully replace the section of the N62 that enters Templemore, County Tipperary from Thurles and Roscrea in view of the fact that it is in a condition that is neither safe or acceptable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51287/18]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the person or body that informed the European Safety Agency that Fingal County Council is the competent authority for the purposes of Regulation (EU) No 598/2014 (details supplied) without indicating that it is in this role in an interim capacity pending formal appointment. — Clare Daly. [51304/18]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51380/18]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each act signed into law in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51396/18]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the grant and funding schemes operated by his Department; the value of each scheme; and the basis or criteria used for the allocation of funding in respect of each scheme. — Róisín Shortall. [51412/18]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce a BusConnects project in Cork city and suburbs; if so, the details of same; the stage of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51437/18]

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

*235. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of recent reports conducted by the Ombudsman for Children into the Oberstown Detention Centre; when those reports were commissioned; the number published; when each was published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [51272/18]

*236. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of complaints and or referrals to Tusla made by sports bodies (details supplied) from 2014 to date; the number of complaints and or referrals made regarding sports bodies and or persons working for the sports bodies from 2014 to date; the number of active investigations outstanding and or ongoing concerning the sports bodies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [51283/18]

*237. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the action taken by the relevant authorities under the aegis of her Department concerning an incident involving the child of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51302/18]

*238. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by her Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51367/18]

*239. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of acts passed since March 2011 that her Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51383/18]

*240. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the grant and funding schemes operated by her Department; the value of each scheme; and the basis or criteria used for the allocation of funding in respect of each scheme. — Róisín Shortall. [51399/18]

*241. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to deficiencies in funding to a service (details supplied) in view of the fact that there is a ten month waiting list for face-to-face counselling. — Gerry Adams. [51420/18]

*242. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if funding will be provided for a service (details supplied). — Gerry Adams. [51421/18]

*243. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the fact that there is no dedicated rape counselling service in County Meath; and if funding will be provided to an organisation (details supplied) to provide this service. — Gerry Adams. [51422/18]

*244. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if funding will be provided to increase rape counselling provision in Castleblayney, County Monaghan and County Cavan. — Gerry Adams. [51423/18]

*245. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 949 of 6 November 2018, when details of the 2019 capital allocation for childcare providers will be confirmed; when applications will be open for capital funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51435/18]

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

*246. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if grants are available for the provision of outdoor arenas, outdoor rings or sand arenas for equestrian centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [51266/18]

*247. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if grants are available through his Department, the Leader programme or other schemes for the provision of outdoor arenas, outdoor rings or sand arenas for equestrian centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [51265/18]

*248. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress made on the implementation of the Action Plan for Rural Development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [51290/18]

*249. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the allocation of CLÁR funding in 2018, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [51291/18]

*250. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51379/18]

*251. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51395/18]

*252. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the grant and funding schemes operated by his Department; the value of each scheme; and the basis or criteria used for the allocation of funding in respect of each scheme. — Róisín Shortall. [51411/18]

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

*253. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which the fuel allowance is calculated; if consideration is given to financial hardship in cases in which means might be in excess of the allowable limit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [51227/18]

*254. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she is taking to make changes to the habitual residence condition for returning emigrants in view of a recent report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51235/18]

*255. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an outstanding adult dependent allowance in relation to a claim for illness benefit by a person (details supplied) will issue in view of the fact that they have completed and submitted the application in relation to their spouse on two occasions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [51238/18]

*256. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; the reason her Department does not inform persons in the years prior to their retirement age that they may fail to qualify for the pension without additional contributions paid or voluntary; if such advanced warning will be provided in the future; the reason credited contributions and discounted years in the homemakers scheme do not count towards or are credited when calculating the minimum 520 contributions; and her plans to allow applicants use credited contributions or receive some credits for homemaker years in future changes to the contributory scheme. — Bríd Smith. [51253/18]

*257. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a carer's allowance will be awarded to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [51301/18]

*258. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when an illness benefit claim by a person (details supplied) will be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [51310/18]

*259. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when an illness benefit claim by a person (details supplied) will go back into payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [51311/18]

*260. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a working family payment in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [51312/18]

*261. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when jobseeker's allowance will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51335/18]

*262. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) receives a reduced payment in respect of disability allowance and jobseeker's allowance; if this case will be examined to ensure that they receive the maximum entitlement for a single person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51337/18]

*263. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which entitlement to unpaid wages can be addressed in the case of a person (details supplied); if provision will be made for restitution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51338/18]

*264. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when illness benefit will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51339/18]

*265. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when fuel allowance is likely to become available to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51343/18]

*266. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by her Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51372/18]

*267. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of acts passed since March 2011 that her Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51388/18]

*268. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the grant and funding schemes operated by her Department; the value of each scheme; and the basis or criteria used for the allocation of funding in respect of each scheme. — Róisín Shortall. [51404/18]

*269. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps being taken to reduce inequality in the workplace; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51415/18]

*270. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which the back to school clothing and footwear allowance is calculated; if consideration is given to financial hardship in cases in which means may be in excess of the allowable limit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [51428/18]

*271. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for the refusal of a back to education allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51448/18]

*272. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for the ongoing delay in fully commencing the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015; if her attention has been drawn to the impact and distress the long delay in commencing the delayed parts of the Act is having on affected families; the timescale to complete the relevant work to allow for

commencement in view of the fact that numerous deadlines have been missed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51462/18]

*273. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applicants for a State pension (contributory) since 2012 that have been refused a contributory pension due to the fact that they did not have 520 contributions; and the number of these that had over 260 contributions. — Bríd Smith. [51471/18]

*274. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applicants for the State pension (contributory) that failed to qualify due to the fact they did not have 520 contributions but that had over 260 but that also failed to qualify for a non-contributory pension due to means testing. — Bríd Smith. [51472/18]

*275. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on a community employment scheme (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51486/18]

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

*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 631 of 27 November 2018, if the project has a full local authority in-house design team; if not, if the project has in-house architectural services and has outsourced the remaining design team externally; the potential local authority fees on this project at each stage through to construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [51244/18]

*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to include Traveller specific accommodation developments in the quarterly social housing construction pipeline report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51252/18]

*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 631 of 27 November 2018, the amount to date of staged transfer of funds to the local authority in relation to this housing project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [51284/18]

*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if funding will be provided for Louth County Council to carry out repairs to 91 homes as reported (details supplied). — Fergus O'Dowd. [51285/18]

*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of loans applied for through Louth and Meath county council's home purchase scheme to date in 2018; and the final amount approved in each county following the applications. — Fergus O'Dowd. [51322/18]

*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51376/18]

*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51392/18]

*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the grant and funding schemes operated by his Department; the value of each scheme; and the basis or criteria used for the allocation of funding in respect of each scheme. — Róisín Shortall. [51408/18]

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

*284. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by her Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51369/18]

*285. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of acts passed since March 2011 that her Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [51385/18]

*286. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the grant and funding schemes operated by her Department; the value of each scheme; and the basis or criteria used for the allocation of funding in respect of each scheme. — Róisín Shortall. [51401/18]

*287. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of the development application tracking system utilised by the NPWS for the purpose of assessing development applications on lands designated as special areas of conservation; the procedures to be followed with respect to the usage of the system; if the system and rules governing its usage are employed and implemented universally across all NPWS areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51439/18]

*288. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of firearms owned by the National Parks and Wildlife Service by each of the organisation's eight regions; if each such weapon is registered to the NPWS in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51440/18]

*289. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the 2017 Audit of Sensitive Assets including firearms and ammunition report identified loss of weaponry and or ammunition from armouries; if so, the number which were unaccounted for as identified by the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51441/18]

*290. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of conservation rangers employed by the NPWS at Glenveagh National Park for each of the years 2012 to 2017 and to date in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51442/18]

*291. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of conservation rangers employed by the NPWS at Glenveagh National Park that are licensed to cull deer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51443/18]

*292. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of deer culled at Glenveagh National Park in each of the years 2016 to 2017 and to date in 2018 in tabular form; the persons responsible for the culling; if the killing was authorised or unauthorised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51444/18]

*293. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the deer population at Glenveagh National Park in each of the years 2016 to 2017 and to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51445/18]

*294. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of incidences of poaching at Glenveagh National Park reported to An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2016 to 2017 and to date in 2018; the details of the incident; the number and types of animal involved in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51446/18]

