



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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

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

1. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the delay between the implementation of the BusConnects network redesign and the planned roll out of the new core bus corridors and lanes. — John Lahart. [52436/18]

2. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures he plans to put in place in order to tackle the increasing number of attacks on the public transport network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [52270/18]

3. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on a recent decision by an organisation (details supplied) to suspend the boxing competition at the 2020 Olympics; and if he has made representations on this matter. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [52437/18]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will report on the tendering of Bus Éireann routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [52230/18]

5. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the immediate installation of assault screens on all Bus Éireann services will be ensured; if his initial positive response to a union (details supplied) will be followed up; and when a Garda transport division will be established. — Joan Collins. [52299/18]

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

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

6. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Ten-T priority projects for County Donegal; the timeline for these projects in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [51966/18]

7. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of his plans to create a single national aviation regulator; and when the legislation and logistics of this plan are expected to be introduced. — Clare Daly. [51989/18]

8. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding development plans for Rosslare Europort; if his Department is in contact with the CEO of the port regarding future development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51954/18]

9. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount sanctioned by his Department or the agencies under the remit of his Department to date in 2018 for the development of greenways and dedicated cycling facilities, respectively; the amount spent on each to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [51964/18]

10. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on changing the Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008 to provide that no direct award of public service contracts for public transport passenger services in excess of 10% will continue in view of his comments that he has no ideological position on the privatisation of public transport. — Joan Collins. [52116/18]

11. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he will take in 2019 to increase the uptake of climate friendly travel including cycling and public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51958/18]

12. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when a rail line from Dublin to Navan will be provided in view of the fact that the commuting situation is deteriorating. — Peadar Tóibín. [52212/18]

13. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether a greater emphasis should be placed on disqualified drivers surrendering their licences and the enforcement of same by the Road Safety Authority; the reason there are so many driver vehicle databases; the differences between each; his views on which database is the most comprehensive for the road safety needs associated with such a database; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51959/18]

14. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the recently released figures which show that there has already been an increase in applications to allow civil flights carrying weapons to land in Irish airports; his further views on the impact on Ireland's neutrality; his views on the need for more transparency regarding the items being taken through Shannon Airport and the locations the troops and weapons are going to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [48013/18]

15. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the delivery of rural transport nationally; the way in which the existing system can be expanded and enhanced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [52203/18]

16. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Bonagee link road project in County Donegal; when the project will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [51949/18]

17. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to expand the use of the Leap card nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52206/18]

18. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the ongoing review of small public service vehicles; and if he will consider changing regulations in order to permit executive hire vehicles to use bus and taxi lanes. — Robert Troy. [52199/18]

19. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if discussions have taken place within his Department on providing funding for the east-west link road and rural roads in general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49202/18]

20. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the policy of his Department in relation to an equitable fare structures on publicly subsidised transport across the country; if it is policy as part of the National Planning Framework implementation to maintain fares at a much higher level per kilometre outside of the main urban conurbations compared to urban areas to discourage persons from living outside of the cities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [51963/18]

21. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the discussions he has had with either Iarnród Éireann or Dublin Bus in relation to the reduction in service to north County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [51988/18]

22. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether it is advisable that public transport fares are increased in view of Ireland's obligations under climate change agreements and the need to see an increase in the number of persons using public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51953/18]

23. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will report on the implementation of the BusConnects programme for the bus service in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [52196/18]

24. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his Department has modelling on the impact on demand for public transport of fare increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [51962/18]

25. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if electronic speed signs will be put in place in villages in local authority areas to measure effectiveness and changing driver behaviour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [51960/18]

26. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider the policy of fully devolving to local authorities the role of providing bus shelters as provided in local government legislation. — Brian Stanley. [51956/18]

27. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on reports that 423 planes carrying munitions have landed in Shannon Airport in 2018; if these reports are accurate; and if his Department retains such data. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [48347/18]

28. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he is taking to promote the use of natural gas as a fuel source for the transport sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [52109/18]

29. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of applications received from County Kildare for the sports capital programme; when he expects allocations to be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [52202/18]

30. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has considered the promotion of car sharing technology to reduce gridlock in Dublin city; and the policies he will implement to incentivise the take up of such technology. — Catherine Martin. [52046/18]

31. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has been notified of ongoing difficulties and the failure to deliver the promised levels of service on the bus routes recently handed over to a company (details supplied) in Dublin; if the service failures are a result of revised and shortened travelling time allocated by the company on these routes; if the ability to operate these routes with reduced running times formed part of the winning bid by the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [52104/18]

32. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the progress of the A5; the details of his engagement with his counterpart in Northern Ireland on this project; the funding that will be made available for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [51950/18]

33. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the role of his Department in the decision making process and consideration of the final route of the MetroLink project on the south side of Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [51961/18]

34. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when variable speed limits will become operational on the M50; the progress to date on this issue; the remaining issues and associated timeline to complete the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [51993/18]

35. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce legislation in order to permit the use of CCTV to monitor the usage of bus lanes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [52200/18]

36. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the decision of the NTA to sanction a fare increase in public transport; his views in relation to same; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that cash fares have risen in some cases by 87% since 2011; and the way in which this decision is in line with measures to tackle climate change. — Bríd Smith. [52103/18]

37. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date on which the review of the Air Navigation (Carriage of Munitions of War, Weapons and Dangerous Goods) Order will be published. — Clare Daly. [51967/18]

38. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the consideration given to the possibility of the Commission for Aviation Regulation being selected as the competent authority in relation to EU 598/14; and when that consideration took place. — Clare Daly. [51985/18]

39. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for investment in the road infrastructure in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [51951/18]

40. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he plans to commence the upgrading of the N4 route from Roosky to Boyle in County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [51992/18]

41. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the priority TEN-T projects for County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [51965/18]

42. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the N5 bypass from Ballaghaderreen to Scramogue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [51991/18]

43. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the projects supported and the amount spent by his Department to date under the available €5.5 million carbon reduction programme; the progress being made on trials for alternative low emission buses which are due to conclude in early 2019 and which will replace diesel only buses from July 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [51994/18]

44. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the recent decision by an organisation (details supplied) to suspend the boxing competition at the 2020 Olympics; and if he has made representations on the matter. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [52204/18]

45. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to allow for commuters to use the Leap card to avail of discounts on journeys on expressway services which fall within a Leap card travel zone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52207/18]

46. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to dangerous congestion levels on DART and commuter trains which stop at all stations in north County Dublin; his plans to address the issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [52208/18]

47. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of applications for carriage of munitions of war refused after the exercise of Ministerial discretion following a Departmental recommendation that permission be granted; and the air carrier involved in each case. — Clare Daly. [51987/18]

48. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he was requested to provide costings for an air search and rescue service; his plans to increase the capacity of the Air Corps to provide such a service; and the timeframe for same. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [48349/18]

49. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he expects to facilitate necessary upgrading of major transport routes such as the M50 and M4, which are perceived to be incapable of dealing with the volume of traffic; when the projects will be advanced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52114/18]

50. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will be taking guidance or direction from organisations (details supplied) in respect of the funding of organisation related applications under the large scale sport infrastructure fund by indicating to his Department the projects to be supported and in particular a stadium. — Shane Cassells. [52211/18]

51. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will allocate funding directly to local authorities to provide bus shelters in their functional areas in which they are deemed appropriate. — Brian Stanley. [51957/18]

52. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he proposes to make further provisions under the sports capital programme to facilitate the ongoing needs of communities nationally in both urban and rural areas having particular regard to the population growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52115/18]

53. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 6 November 2018, the number of applications related to the transport of munitions of war categorised as dangerous goods, that is, munitions of war that contain material that is explosive, corrosive, flammable, toxic and so on; the meaning of the phrase very few; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [52110/18]

54. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the safety of public transport workers will be supported by creating a dedicated transport police resource that would have the powers of detention and arrest. — Joan Collins. [52117/18]

55. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he will visit Navan as promised on 30 November 2018 to discuss the Navan, County Meath rail project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [52210/18]

56. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will report on the recent changes to the fare structures in Dublin Bus which means that the shortest trip of 1-3 stages has increased to €3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51952/18]

57. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding provided to initiatives to increase women's participation in sport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [52195/18]

58. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the capacity and constituency issues associated with Bus Éireann services in County Meath will be addressed. — Peadar Tóibín. [52213/18]

59. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has been in contact with Irish Rail regarding dangerous congestion levels on DART and commuter trains which stop at all stations in north County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [52209/18]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*60. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his planned visits abroad in the next six months. — Brendan Howlin. [52102/18]

\*61. To ask the Taoiseach the number of Parliamentary Questions his Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of his Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to his Parliamentary Questions section; and if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified. — Catherine Murphy. [52248/18]



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

\*62. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of Parliamentary Questions his Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of his Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to his Parliamentary Questions section; if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52238/18]

\*63. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if there are enough instructors to train drivers of military vehicles in the Defence Forces; and if there are sufficient driving courses for all brigades. — Sean Sherlock. [52288/18]

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

\*64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Parliamentary Questions his Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of his Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to his Parliamentary Questions section; if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52242/18]

\*65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has received representations from the Ambassador in Madrid regarding the recent decision by a number of Catalan pro-independence prisoners on pre-trial detention to go on hunger strike in protest against their trial being frustrated and their access to the ECHR being blocked by Spain; if he will raise or facilitate the matter in the ECHR; his plans to raise the matter with the Spanish Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52258/18]

\*66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the protracted crisis in South Sudan; if he will engage in diplomatic efforts through the EU to ensure the fragile peace in South Sudan holds; if he will continue to support humanitarian efforts in South Sudan that are addressing the root causes of the conflict; if he will continue funding and support for the conflict resolution and peace building efforts at community level by an organisation (details supplied) in partnership with INGOs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [52303/18]

\*67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on recent comments by the Advocate General to the European Court of Justice on Article 50; and his views on whether the UK could revoke its withdrawal without approval by member states. — Micheál Martin. [51794/18]

\*68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his officials have assessed the advice of the UK Attorney General regarding the backstop provisions in the Brexit draft withdrawal agreement; and if he has sought legal advice on same. — Micheál Martin. [52119/18]

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

\*69. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Parliamentary Questions his Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of his Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to his Parliamentary Questions section; if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52241/18]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to deal with the latest tranche of mortgages by a bank (details supplied) which are being passed on to companies in view of the resulting insecurity and stress being caused to homeowners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [52306/18]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of licence applications before the Central Bank by category; the number of approvals provided in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018, by category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [52348/18]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the State has secondary security over moneys loaned by the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland to a company (details supplied) whilst the minority lender has a stronger fixed and floating charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52387/18]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason €675 million of Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland funding has as of December 2016 gone to the pillar banks (details supplied) and only 11% of its drawn down lending has gone to working capital for SMEs in view of the fact that it was established to lend to SMEs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52388/18]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether a series of financial matters in relation to a person (details supplied) is appropriate or a potential abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52389/18]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Finance further to a freedom of information request, the reason onlenders of SBCI moneys are not required to obtain a copy of current tax clearance certificates from their respective customers leaving the State exposed to tax losses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52390/18]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Finance the work of the Revenue Commissioners in relation to certain taxation matters revealed by documents (details supplied); the number of cases it is pursuing; the amount of tax involved; the amounts of tax, interest and penalties collected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [52394/18]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a mechanism in place in Denmark to pay outstanding claims when an insurance company goes into liquidation; if the mechanism will be applicable to Irish claimants as a result of the failure of a company (details supplied); if Irish claimants will receive 100% of compensation under this mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [52448/18]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Finance if the insurance compensation fund or the yet to be established motor insurers insolvency compensation fund will be needed to pay claimants as a

result of the failure of a company (details supplied); if so, the fund which will be used; if Irish claimants will receive 100% of the compensation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [52449/18]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Irish claims yet to be paid in full by motor insurance, public liability insurance, employer liability insurance or other insurance headings in relation to the failure of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [52450/18]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Finance the specific type of SPV model used for the securitisation of mortgages by banks (details supplied); if the vehicle will be tax exempt here; if the distributions from the vehicle will be taxed here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [52451/18]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the recent Central Bank loan to income and loan to value mortgage rules review by the Governor of the Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52474/18]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has contacted the Governor of the Central Bank regarding its policy on the granting of moneylending licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52475/18]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the recent comments on fiscal and monetary integration of the EU by the Finance Minister of Germany; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52476/18]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to meet with the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council following its recent critical fiscal assessment of Budget 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52477/18]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Finance when he expects the so-called single malt tax avoidance loophole to be completely closed off by Ireland and Malta; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52478/18]

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

\*86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of Parliamentary Questions his Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of his Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to his Parliamentary Questions section; if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52246/18]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of approved supplementary expenditure estimates in each of the years 2000 to 2017 and to date in 2018, for each Department in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [52350/18]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if tenders have been reinvited from the shortlist of building contractors for a laboratory (details supplied) in County Kildare; if so, the closing date for receipt of tenders; when construction will commence and cease on the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52377/18]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 148 of 18 September 2018, if the engineering consultants have been appointed; when planning permission will be sought for a centre (details supplied); when tenders will be sought for construction; when construction will commence; the estimated construction time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52378/18]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 9 October 2018, if consultants have been hired to complete the reassessment of the local hydrology of the area in question and the operation of the local drainage network; the expected date for completion of the studies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52381/18]

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

\*91. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of progress on a new school (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [52232/18]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of Parliamentary Questions his Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of his Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to his Parliamentary Questions section; if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52239/18]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he will take to expedite an application by a school (details supplied) for AFD facilities and a science room which are urgently required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [52259/18]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the location a school (details supplied) will be located; the type of premises it will occupy; the facilities that will be included; when the permanent school facilities will be put in place; when more information for prospective students and parents will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52285/18]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52324/18]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of private school transport contractors (details supplied) that have had their fleet suspended by Bus Éireann while awaiting inspection by the FTA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [52326/18]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if special educational needs will be included as a core part of initial teacher training in all colleges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52352/18]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an audit of accommodation and a programme of upgrading and refurbishment will be carried out over time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52353/18]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if Garda vetting for special needs assistants and bus escorts will be centralised and streamlined in order that they can move more easily between schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52354/18]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if access for all pupils with SEN to the National Educational Psychological Service will be achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52355/18]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a clear pathway will be created for all families following an SEN diagnosis of their child from early intervention supports through to adult services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52356/18]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a review of the role of special needs assistants in special schools will be carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52357/18]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 241 of 18 September 2018, if the accommodation needs of a school (details supplied) have been agreed; when a design team will be appointed for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52369/18]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has received the pre-qualification report in relation to the building of a school (details supplied); if the report has been received; if it has been approved; and when tenders will be invited for the project from the shortlist of contractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52370/18]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the pre-qualification process for a school (details supplied) has been concluded; if so, if tenders have been invited for the project from the shortlist of contractors; if so, the closing date for receipt of tenders; when construction will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52371/18]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the pre-qualification report for a college (details supplied) has been received; if the report has been approved; if tenders have been invited from the shortlist of contractors; if so, the closing date for receipt of tenders for the project; when construction will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52372/18]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the required clarifications have been received from the vendor of the site for schools (details supplied) in County Kildare; if satisfactory, if a design team will be appointed for both projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52373/18]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 358 of 6 November 2018, if a school (details supplied) in County Kildare has been included in the projects to be progressed under the ADAPT 2019-2021 programme; if so, when an external project manager will be appointed to progress the school project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52374/18]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the pre-qualification report for a school (details supplied) County Kildare has been received; if so, if it has been approved; when tenders will be invited for the project from the shortlist of contractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52375/18]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a decision has been made on the application by a school (details supplied) in County Kildare to become co-educational; if not, the issues delaying the sanctioning of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52376/18]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if tenders have been invited for the completion of a campus (details supplied) in County Kildare; the number of contractors from which tenders have been sought; the closing date for receipt of tenders for the project; when it is envisaged the successful contractor will be on site; if the completion date remains June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52379/18]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 137 of 21 November 2018, if agreement has been reached on a new site for the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52380/18]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 115 of 9 October 2018, if tenders have been sought for the appointment of a design team for a school (details supplied) in County Kildare; the closing date for receipt of tenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52382/18]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) in north County Kildare will open in September 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52383/18]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide a list of all primary schools; the primary schools that have a kitchen or a canteen; the primary schools that do not have a kitchen; and the primary schools that do not have a canteen, respectively, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52411/18]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if all new school build contracts include the provision of a kitchen and a canteen for students and teachers. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52412/18]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to introduce an immediate appeals procedure for staffing allocations to special schools for matters such as staffing allocation which are not given to special schools until late in the academic year, often July (details supplied); if he will clarify or correct the situation by which he and the principal officer of the special education section deny responsibility to adjudicate an appeal from a special school stating it rests with NCSE which in turn states it rests with his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52413/18]



\*118. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to undertake an exercise to scope out the requirement for special school places particularly in the area of ASD and complex needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52414/18]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to introduce a reduction in the paperwork requirement for special schools particularly the personal pupil plans when requesting one extra SNA in addition to a reasonable timeframe for a response from the NCSE in view of the fact that staff continue to deal with violent behaviour in the interim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52415/18]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to introduce clear communication and cooperation between the HSE, his Department, special schools and service providers (details supplied) regarding multi-disciplinary teams, respite, adult and residential services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52416/18]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an urgent review and replacement of report of the Special Education Review Committee 1993 will be carried out in view of the fact that the pupil profile has changed significantly but resources have remained the same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52417/18]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if consistent access to a multi-disciplinary team particularly a behaviour support specialist for all special schools will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52418/18]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an administrative deputy principal will be appointed in all special schools with eight teachers which equates to a minimum staff of 32 in view of the fact that mainstream national schools with five or more special classes and no specified enrolment number can be allocated an administrative deputy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52419/18]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to remedy a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52420/18]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if consideration will be given to allocating full-time nursing support to special schools with pupils with complex medical needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52421/18]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school building project (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [52435/18]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a scheme (details supplied) will be reintroduced in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52452/18]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) is being amalgamated with another 18 kilometres away; and if this course of action will be reversed in view of the fact that it will cause considerable hardship to parents and students and significantly undermine the ethos of the school that has been in place for many decades. — Clare Daly. [52472/18]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to remove the requirement to take SNAs from panels for special schools in view of the fact that they may not have the necessary skill

set, knowledge and relevant experience that is sought through the usual recruitment process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52481/18]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to ensure that there is continuing professional development specifically for various types of special schools for both teachers and SNAs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52482/18]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he will take to tackle the high levels of absenteeism amongst staff due to the lack of support available in special schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52483/18]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to resolve the inconsistency in the way in which the allocation of part-time specialist teachers and or hours are sanctioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [52484/18]

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

\*133. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Parliamentary Questions his Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of his Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to his Parliamentary Questions section; if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52245/18]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he plans to respond to the correspondence and questions sent to him by a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [52279/18]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the wait time for Garda vetting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [52281/18]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 215 of 12 December 2017, the progress he has made regarding the Communications (Retention of Data) Bill 2017; if his attention has been drawn to the outcome of a recent High Court case (details supplied) regarding the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52290/18]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the refurbishment works at the courthouse in Wicklow town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [52336/18]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the criteria in place for areas to be chosen for the Garda youth diversion projects; his plans to establish the project in Bray and Arklow, County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [52337/18]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 189 of 5 December 2018, the reason the unit referred to is not accommodating prisoners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [52347/18]



\*140. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the report into the circumstances surrounding the escape of a prisoner (details supplied) requested for by his predecessor following the stabbing of two prison officers in Tallaght Hospital in February 2018; if the report will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [52359/18]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will expedite consideration of the Report by the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice and Equality following pre-legislative scrutiny of the general scheme of the 38th Amendment of the Constitutional (Role of Women) Bill; and if a public consultation process will be convened early in 2019 with a view to holding the referendum in 2019. — Clare Daly. [52360/18]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans in relation to section 30 of the Data Protection Act 2018; his plans to amend and commence section 30 by way of legislation and or statutory instrument; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [52365/18]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when there will be further graduations of probationer Gardaí from Templemore in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52384/18]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the aspects of the Communications (Retention of Data) Bill 2017 he has incorporated from the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011; if he is satisfied it complies with European Court of Justice advices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52385/18]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number detections of financial crime in 2015, 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018, by category; the nature of the crimes detected; the sums of money involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [52393/18]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of appointments provided daily through the immigration appointment booking system; if his attention has been drawn to complaints from users that are having difficulty getting appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [52406/18]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the Citizens' Assembly will be requested to consider Article 41.2 of the Constitution. — Micheál Martin. [51799/18]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will report on the involvement of his Department on plans for the forthcoming referendum on divorce in May 2019. — Micheál Martin. [51797/18]

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

\*149. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of Parliamentary Questions her Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of her Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to her Parliamentary Questions section; if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52234/18]

\*150. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Gnó, Fiontar agus Nuálaíochta cén uair a cheadófar pinsean do dhuine (gonraí tugtha) atá ag fáil pinsean easláine faoi láthair agus a bheidh 66 bliana d'aois ar an 8ú lá de mhí na Nollag agus a bhfuil iarratas déanta aici ar phinsean; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [52271/18]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA facilities being constructed in County Mayo in the past five years; the cost of each facility; the number occupied; and the number vacant. — Lisa Chambers. [52276/18]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a work permit. — Thomas Byrne. [52287/18]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if an organisation (details supplied) has applied for prescriber status under the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act 2007 in order to take action against denture manufacturers that illegally provide directly to the public and other unregistered, unregulated practitioners; if so, when the application was received; if it has been approved; when it will be dealt with; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [52409/18]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn to the percentage of companies that export to Britain that will be Brexit ready by 29 March 2019. — Micheál Martin. [52122/18]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the contingency plans for companies if sterling falls by 3% or more. — Micheál Martin. [52123/18]

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

\*156. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Parliamentary Questions his Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of his Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to his Parliamentary Questions section; if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52243/18]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Health when an independent expert will be appointed to examine a matter (details supplied); the terms of reference of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52252/18]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Health if the commencement of Parts 2 and 3 of the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 is reliant on enactment of the Assisted Human Reproduction Bill 2017. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52253/18]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are staff shortages in the offices of the National Disability Complaints Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [52260/18]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that parents of children that have exceeded the waiting times for disability assessment in the south Lee area of County Cork are receiving letters from the HSE stating that due to staff shortages there is a

considerable delay in responding to complaints; his views on whether this is acceptable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [52261/18]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has undertaken an investigation into the reason assessments for disability are longer in the south Lee area of County Cork; if the service providers provide private assessments on the same site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [52262/18]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the long waiting times for disability assessments in the south Lee area of County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [52263/18]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is a waiting list in relation to complaints on delays in disability assessments in the south Lee area of County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [52264/18]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to difficulties in providing inpatient services for women with breast cancer in CUMH due to constant overcrowding; if there are undue delays for women; the way in which this is being assessed and dealt with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [52265/18]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the recent letter that concerned staff in the breast care unit wrote to management to outline access problems and capital funding deficiencies for diagnostic equipment together with other issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [52266/18]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Health the status of Palliative Care Services Three Year Development Framework 2017 to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52267/18]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Health the reason St. Brigid's Hospital, Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary is not included in the five year plan for refurbishment and upgrading; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52268/18]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the dental service operating in the health centre in Maynooth County Kildare; if there are plans to relocate this service in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [52272/18]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Health if home supports are in place for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52274/18]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to publish the health and social care professionals (amendment) Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52278/18]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Health if homecare hours will be provided to a person (details supplied). — Eugene Murphy. [52283/18]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been refused a medical card. — Sean Sherlock. [52289/18]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Health the amount held or managed by the patients private property account central unit; the way in which this fund is invested and safeguarded; the amounts held on behalf of each organisation within its remit by county; if the fund comes under the remit of the Comptroller and Auditor General; the number of individual cases in which the Circuit Courts direction was sought in circumstances in which the HSE used in excess of €5,000 of client funds in a single calendar year; the number of families refused access to the funds of a family member in circumstances in which the funds were being used to benefit the owner of the fund; the number of persons that have had welfare benefits or cut-off due to the funds held on their behalf; the way in which the fund is used for end of life care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [52292/18]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Health if an operation will be arranged at WUH for a person (details supplied); if the matter will be expedited; and the reason the person has had to wait for nine years. — John McGuinness. [52294/18]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the resolution of the issue in relation to women that had vaginal mesh implants; and when progress will be made in relation to same. — Patrick O'Donovan. [52300/18]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Health when the Children and Family Relationships (Amendment) Bill 2018 and the general scheme of the Assisted Human Reproduction Bill 2017 will be enacted and commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [52304/18]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Letterkenny University Hospital is not included in the priority list of hospitals in the 2018 Winter Plan proposals of the HSE and his Department; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that LUH had full capacity protocols exercised on 87% in 2018 to date which is one of the highest nationally; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the hospital is at crises level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [52307/18]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Health the extra resources and provision he plans to make available for Letterkenny University Hospital to deal with the impending increase of numbers which will avail of the hospital services between December 2018 and the end of February 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [52308/18]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Health when an autism assessment report will be carried out in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52314/18]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Health the financial supports available for non-medical costs for families of sick children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [52320/18]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be scheduled. — Robert Troy. [52325/18]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Health if an orthopaedic consultant appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [52327/18]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a medical card has been withdrawn in the case of a person (details supplied); if a decision to cancel their card will be reviewed with a view to reinstatement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52335/18]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of hiring a machine from the UK for Our Lady's Children's, Hospital, Crumlin for a procedure (details supplied); the number of times it is hired in a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [52351/18]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Health the support services available to stroke survivors in the community in each of the CHO areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [52361/18]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to support services for stroke survivors in the community in each of the CHO areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [52362/18]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Health the frequency with which the Obesity Policy Implementation Oversight Group has met since its establishment; the dates of these meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [52363/18]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in the establishment of a monitoring body to monitor voluntary codes of practice (details supplied); the timeline for same in view of the fact that the codes will be one year old in February 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [52364/18]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision of an advanced nurse practitioner rheumatology post at UHK as promised in December 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52392/18]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Health the reason women are being refused a scan (details supplied) in view of the fact that the RCSI hospital group has said that it is available to all women that request it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52403/18]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will receive the medication they need for their condition. — Mick Barry. [52408/18]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Health if the charges of €80 per visit capped at up to €800 per year in certain venesection clinics including Louth Hospital will be overturned and the treatment made available for free to persons that cannot access medical cards and cannot afford private health insurance; if this has been reviewed; if a decision has been made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52465/18]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Health if he will order a review of the regulation of the medical devices sector following the recent international investigation by journalists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52480/18]

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

\*194. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of Parliamentary Questions his Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of his

Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to his Parliamentary Questions section; if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52233/18]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding pair trawling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52273/18]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if cases have been brought to his attention regarding outstanding green certificates to be issued by certification operators to persons that have successfully completed the certificate and passed in 2018; the number of such cases his attention has been drawn to date in 2018; and if he will permit persons that have successfully passed the exams in 2018 and that are still waiting on certificates to be issued by operators to be eligible to qualify and receive 2018 payments under the national reserve, young farmers scheme and BPS in view of the fact that the issuing of certificates is beyond their control. — Charlie McConalogue. [52405/18]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the ongoing pair trawling for sprat in estuaries and bays in view of the concern of conservation organisations and persons; and the way in which he plans to remedy this practice. — Martin Ferris. [52410/18]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will receive payment under the beef genomics scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52434/18]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he plans to prevent the closure of all other fisheries in view of the zero TAC that has been advised for cod and whiting in area 6A and the fact that the landing obligation is coming into effect from 1 January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [52446/18]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he will ensure the economic sustainability of the fishing fleet in view of some of the proposed reductions in key stocks, for example, 32% in nephrops and other stocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [52447/18]

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

\*201. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of Parliamentary Questions his Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of his Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to his Parliamentary Questions section; if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52236/18]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the planned industrial terminal on the Shannon Estuary; the way in which this planning



fits with the Fossil Fuel Divestment Act 2018 recently passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52310/18]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to address the issue of illegal dumping nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52332/18]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the ongoing review of the Audio Visual Media Services Directive; the action or research he is undertaking; if and when a consultation process will commence with stakeholders on transposition of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [52366/18]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of the national regulatory authority to be appointed which will monitor and ensure that video sharing platforms have appropriate measures in place as part of the Audiovisual Media Service Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [52367/18]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether it is appropriate for an authority which has not yet been formally appointed to seek meetings with industry and social media companies that will fall under the scope of the new Audiovisual Media Service Directive (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [52368/18]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount spent on outside consultancy fees to date for advices since the initial announcement of the National Broadband Plan. — Sean Sherlock. [52401/18]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to introduce a grant for the installation of stoves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [52466/18]

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

\*209. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of Parliamentary Questions his Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of his Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to his Parliamentary Questions section; if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52249/18]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be considered for the extension of the M3 motorway to Cavan town and the east west link which are urgently needed in the north west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52250/18]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his Department has investigated the use of articulated buses to provide bus services in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [52254/18]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be provided to Dublin Bus in order to provide off-vehicle ticketing services on buses. — Robert Troy. [52255/18]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his Department will facilitate Dublin Bus in providing staged or abridged versions of certain services in which capacity is preventing passengers from boarding services at later points in the service. — Robert Troy. [52256/18]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that certain routes in the proposed BusConnects network include very frequent stops, that is, stops placed at a minimal distance from each other and may prevent services from being delivered in an effective manner. — Robert Troy. [52257/18]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will reinstate the Sligo town bus service to a location (details supplied) to facilitate a park and ride service for the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [52275/18]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the recent round of sports capital grants results will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [52284/18]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when successful candidates (details supplied) will be notified; and the status of same. — Niamh Smyth. [52319/18]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to customer complaints (details supplied) regarding public transport services; the way in which or if the NTA is monitoring these services for punctuality and or reliability; if ongoing issues with same will result in financial and or other penalties for the operator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52349/18]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the recent decision by an organisation (details supplied) to suspend the boxing competition at the 2020 Olympics; and if he has made representations on the matter. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [52358/18]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of anti-social behaviour incidents that have been reported on Luas lines to date in 2018. — John Lahart. [52391/18]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which his Department is making provision for the eventuality of Brexit with particular reference to its implications for air and sea travel in view of the necessity to ensure easy travel access to continental Europe for Irish persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52453/18]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his future plans for investment in recreational infrastructure such as swimming pools, community centres and other sporting facilities; the extent to which he has identified a budget in this context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52454/18]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which his Department has continued to evaluate rural transport requirements with a view to bringing transport to persons rather than forcing persons to converge on towns and villages as the population increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52455/18]



\*224. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which his Department continues to evaluate the transport system, road and rail, public and private to ensure the development of efficient and effective transport in all areas throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52456/18]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which commuter rail services are available to the majority of towns and villages throughout the country, the residents of which may commute to larger centres with obvious greater job opportunities on a daily basis; if the existing services are adequately tailored to meet their needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52457/18]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the full extent of growth within the tourism sector with particular reference to the number of persons employed; the scope for further development resulting in employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52458/18]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which bus and rail services are fully utilised and are in fact tailored to meet the requirements of the travelling or commuting public with particular reference to the need to ensure that the services are convenient to passenger requirements thereby enhancing viability and efficiency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52459/18]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which his Department continues to liaise with the various sporting organisations with a view to facilitating the use of Ireland as a venue for worldwide competitions in sport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52460/18]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the areas in the tourism sector that have shown the greatest potential for future development and expansion both internally and externally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52461/18]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he continues to have discussions with his EU colleagues with a view to ensuring that transport costs here are competitive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52462/18]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which integrated ticketing continues to be successful; if further expansion is planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52463/18]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the degree to which rail and bus services in County Kildare are coordinated in such a way as to meet in full the requirements of the commuters in the various towns and villages throughout the country; the extent to which his Department continues to be appraised in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52464/18]

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

\*233. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of places on the ECCE scheme which are available in Ballincollig, County Cork. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52231/18]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of Parliamentary Questions her Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of her Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to her Parliamentary Questions section; if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52235/18]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of staff employed by a campus (details supplied) by administration and care work, in each of the years 2014 to 2017 and to date in 2018. — Clare Daly. [52316/18]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 613 of 4 December 2018, the basis of her assertion that all members of the board of Tusla had an opportunity to read the operational review of the centre before the decision was taken in 2017 to not publish the report; and if she is satisfied that all members of the board did in fact read the report before that decision was taken. — Clare Daly. [52402/18]

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

\*237. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to introduce funding schemes in the Fingal area to address the rapid expansion of population and lack of facilities to accommodate the large scale growth of the adolescent population in recent years in view of the fact that many are turning to anti-social behaviour due to lack of facilities. — Clare Daly. [52301/18]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his views on the growing issue of anti-social behaviour displayed in adolescents residing within newly established areas due to a lack of facilities offered to them especially in areas such as Lusk and Fingal. — Clare Daly. [52302/18]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of Parliamentary Questions his Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of his Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to his Parliamentary Questions section; if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52247/18]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the areas in which he is expanding CLÁR funding in 2019, by category; when this funding will be open for applications in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52318/18]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the current and capital funding allocated for each scheme and programme in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 under his Department and bodies under the remit of his Department; and the amount expended in each such year to date in 2018 for each scheme, in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [52396/18]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he has sought permission from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to carry over unspent capital to 2019; if so, the amount sought as a carryover; the reason this was necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [52397/18]

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

\*243. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of Parliamentary Questions her Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of her Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to her Parliamentary Questions section; if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52240/18]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [52280/18]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the correct level of jobseeker's allowance payable in the case of a person (details supplied); the correct level of arrears due in the case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52282/18]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she has addressed the issue of women whose children were born before 1994 that were excluded from the homecarer's scheme and as a result qualify for a much reduced contributory pension in comparison to other women then took time out of the workforce to care for children; if not, her plans to address this issue in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [52291/18]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will issue on a carer's benefit application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [52315/18]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when staff training will be completed following the inaction of section 13 of the Civil Registration (Amendment) Act 2014; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [52317/18]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she has considered options to speed up the resolution of technical errors in the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [52321/18]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will issue on an invalidity pension for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [52322/18]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an illness benefit payment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52323/18]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person that lives in a direct provision centre is entitled to a weekly payment for transport if attending a full-time or part-time course; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52330/18]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a matter will be addressed regarding illness benefit in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52473/18]

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

\*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of a funding application in respect of a project (details supplied); the appeals process available for unsuccessful applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52286/18]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will review a case (details supplied); the number of waste enforcement officers in Monaghan and Cavan county councils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52331/18]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of Parliamentary Questions his Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of his Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to his Parliamentary Questions section; if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52244/18]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons on the council housing waiting list for Ballyjamesduff, County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52269/18]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52277/18]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if consideration is being given to making low cost sites available to persons in a position to afford to build their own homes in view of the ongoing housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52305/18]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a housing provider is required to issue notices to quit in cases in which homeless persons or persons that have been homeless have licence agreements in emergency, transitional or own door accommodation that due to the length of time of the license risk accruing tenancy rights, placing the persons at risk of further homelessness; and if so, if changes to regulations or legislative amendments made in the forthcoming residential tenancies (amendment) Bill to ensure that no resident in emergency, transitional and own door accommodation will not be issued with a notice to quit in cases in which they are unable to find permanent accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52309/18]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will report on the planned industrial terminal on the Shannon Estuary; the way in which this planning fits with the Fossil Fuel Divestment Act 2018 recently passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52311/18]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to introduce guidelines in relation to solar farms; the process involved and associated timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [52328/18]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider introducing annual medal presentations for bravery as takes place for members of An Garda Síochána for members of the fire service both full-time and retained firefighters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [52333/18]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will report on the involvement of his Department on plans for the forthcoming referendum on plebiscites in May 2019. — Micheál Martin. [51797/18]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of permissions granted for apartments and houses, respectively in each of the four local authorities in Dublin during the period of Q1 2016 to Q2 2018; the number of houses and apartments, respectively which have been completed during the period of Q1 2016 to Q2 2018 according to the CSO by year, local authority, number of apartments per year, number of houses per year, number of permissions granted and number of CSO completions in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [52444/18]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of houses and apartments, respectively sold in each of the four local authorities in Dublin during the period of Q1 2016 to Q2 2018 by year, local authority, number of apartments sold per year and number of houses sold per year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [52445/18]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he expects the proposed register of landlords to be initiated and available for public inspection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52479/18]

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

\*268. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of Parliamentary Questions her Department have processed in the past three years to date; the number of questions answered directly; the number of questions referred to bodies or agencies under the aegis of her Department for direct reply; the number of staff that are assigned to her Parliamentary Questions section; if non-Departmental staff, advisers and or public affairs and relations companies have composed Parliamentary Question replies or had an act or hand in forming Parliamentary Question replies in the timeframe specified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52237/18]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she has sought permission from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to carry over unspent capital to 2019; if so,

the amount sought as a carryover; the reason this was necessary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [52398/18]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the amount of capital allocated to her Department in 2018; the amount spent to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [52399/18]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the current and capital funding allocated for each scheme and programme in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 under her Department or the bodies under the remit of her Department; and the amount expended in each such year to date in 2018 for each scheme in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [52400/18]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the areas the €1.2 billion of culture, heritage and Irish language funding has been invested into to date (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52407/18]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 13 NOLLAIG, 2018  
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 2018**

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

1. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige cén fáth nach bhfuil an eagraíocht a dhéanann freastal agus comhordú ar na naíonraí atá ag feidhmiú trí Ghaeilge taobh amuigh den Ghaeltacht agus a thugann bun-tacaíochtaí dóibh ag fáil bun-mhaoiniú óna Roinn; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [52227/18]

2. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way in which the €1.2 million funding to provide first aid training for each registered childcare service has been dispersed by county; the number of childcare providers that have availed of the service; and the average amount dispersed to each facility. — Sean Sherlock. [52441/18]

3. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of take-up of the ECCE free pre-school year for 2017 and 2018; the way in which it has been impacted by the change in dates and requirements for entry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [52469/18]

4. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the purpose of her recent visit to Brussels; and the way in which the European Solidarity Corps will operate in an Irish context. — Sean Sherlock. [52443/18]

5. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she has given consideration to the recommendation by a group (details supplied) that her Department devise a strategy to support unmarried parents in sharing parenting responsibilities; and her views on same. — Anne Rabbitte. [52425/18]



6. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps taken by the board of a campus (details supplied) to facilitate a return visit by the authors of the operational review of the centre in order to offer feedback to staff and stakeholders. — Clare Daly. [52313/18]

7. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the progress to date in addressing the perceived poor pay and conditions in the early childcare sector; her views on whether in view of uncertainties and conditions of employment there is a lack of incentive for many to pursue careers in the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [52430/18]

8. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the supports provided to the youth work sector to strengthen work in enhancing the knowledge and skills of young persons in relation to healthy eating and active living; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [52341/18]

9. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she has given consideration to publishing the report by persons (details supplied) into Oberstown Youth Detention Centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [52426/18]

10. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of funding for an organisation (details supplied); the implications for the funding of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52468/18]

11. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on the findings of a report by the European Migration Network and published by the ESRI, which found that that only a small proportion of minors have secured an immigration status and this was due to delays making applications on behalf of minors by social workers in Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [52433/18]

12. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of women and children in domestic violence refuges and step-down accommodation in 2018; the number of places in domestic violence refuges; if these refuges are capable of accommodating the level of need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [52297/18]

13. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will report on the developments related to the working group seeking to streamline children’s access to mental health services here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [52228/18]

14. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the costs associated with her most recent visit to New York; the meetings she attended over the three days; and if those meetings were related to her brief as Minister. — Sean Sherlock. [52442/18]

15. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of new ECCE places created nationally, and specifically in Ballincollig, County Cork as part of the 2018 early years and school age capital programmes announced in June 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52467/18]

16. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her role in the family reunification process; and if her attention has been drawn to the stress and anxiety caused to certain children due to time delays and inefficiency of the process. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [52429/18]

17. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the progress being made to identify cases of illegal or incorrect adoption registrations; the steps taken to inform the person identified as being illegally or incorrectly registered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [52312/18]

18. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the affordable childcare scheme; and the further status of efforts to build an information technology infrastructure and make the scheme more accessible to parents using childminders. — Anne Rabbitte. [52423/18]

19. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she is taking to support stay-at-home parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52431/18]

20. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the implementation of action 1.4 in the corporate plan of Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [52424/18]

21. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the home school liaison programme will be expanded to non-DEIS schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [52298/18]

22. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when the report of the national review panel which commenced on 16 May 2016 in relation to the care of three children in a foster home in County Galway will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52338/18]

23. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a review of the foster care allowance has been considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [52470/18]

24. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of reports being prepared by the National Review Panel; the subject matter of each; the date on which each review was commenced; the anticipated date of publication of each report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52339/18]

25. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is satisfied with Tusla's management of child welfare and protection concerns and reports thereof; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [52422/18]

26. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to a report by the European Migration Network and published by the ESRI, regarding unaccompanied minors; the measures she has taken to assist unaccompanied minors that come here following the publication of the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [52432/18]

27. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige cén beartas atá aici lena dhéanamh cinnte go speagtar úsáid na Gaeilge i naíonraí agus naíolanna na tíre ó tharla go bhfuil sé cruthaithe gurb é an tráth dá saoil is éasca do leanaí teangacha a thabhairt leo ná nuair atá siad an-óg; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [52226/18]

28. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a value for money review will be undertaken of the National Childcare Investment Programme which operated from 2006 to 2010



with a particular focus on the private sector capital funding element of the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [52295/18]

29. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the response she has received from the board of Tusla following her engagement with the board on matters raised in relation to the findings of the Disclosures Tribunal in respect of Tusla. — Sean Sherlock. [52440/18]

30. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of the budget available to her Department to cater for the full extent of its responsibilities including the protection of children, the monitoring of at risk cases the follow-up as necessary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52438/18]

31. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the affordable childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52395/18]

32. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she remains satisfied that adequate protection is in place to ensure early reporting and prompt action in cases of suspected child abuse whether in State institutions, foster care or in the home; the number of outstanding cases awaiting attention; the average timescale for investigating such issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52439/18]

33. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of family support workers working with homeless families in each of the years 2015 to 2017 and to date in 2018; the ratio of families to support worker for each of those years; if there is a waiting list for allocation of support workers; if so, the average length of time each family is waiting for the support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52229/18]

34. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of educational welfare officers in each of the years 2015 to 2017 and to date in 2018, by county; her plans to increase these numbers; if schools can apply for additional educational welfare officers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [49224/18]

35. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the protections and protocols in place to avoid a repetition of the traumatic removal of a child from the breast feeding mother in a maternity hospital in view of a recent High Court decision (details supplied). — Maureen O'Sullivan. [52427/18]