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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contingencies being operationalised and supports that will be in place to safeguard farmers and the agri-food sector here for all scenarios including a no-deal hard Brexit by 29 March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [5798/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the national CAP strategic plan and individual schemes his Department is designing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [5762/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made in redrafting an acceptable system for penalty points for serious fishing infringements since a previous Statutory Instrument was revoked by Dáil Éireann in May 2018; the extent of consultations he has had with the fishing sector, opposition parties and other interested bodies since May 2018 on the matter; the timeline for dealing with the matter in partnership with all interested parties in order to meet Ireland's EU obligations on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [5899/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if fur farming will be prohibited in view of the concerns of an organisation (details supplied) on the farming of captive wild animals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [5952/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if policies to decrease the beef and dairy herd and diversify farming output in order to reduce emissions from the agriculture sector will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [5931/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the commencement date for the beef environmental economic pilot scheme; if the terms and conditions of the scheme have already been drawn up and issued to suckler farmers; if agreement has been reached with the mart co-operatives in relation to the weighing of animals for this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [5443/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the budget and spending of his Department in expanding the trade in dairy and beef herds internationally since 2010. — Bríd Smith. [3773/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated impact of Brexit on the movement of horses and the equine industry; the protections that can be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [5676/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his policy in relation to capping BPS and greening payments to applicants under the forthcoming CAP programme 2021 to 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5447/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of managed forest that is planted with sitka spruce; the timeline the trees are allowed to grow before they are felled; the end use for the trees in terms of percentage for timber, biomass and so on; the pesticides, insecticides and fungicides used on sitka spruce; the average use of each per square metre of managed sitka spruce plantations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [5674/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the application to Europe for bluefin tuna quotas taking into account the potential in angling tourism in Donegal Bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5625/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the main objectives of the inshore fishing sector strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5717/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to make beef farming a viable option for farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5685/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the designation of ports in County Donegal to allow fish landings ahead of a potential hard Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5623/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of SPS and fisheries control officials that will be operational on 29 March 2019, out of the planned recruitment of 116 staff for SPS and fisheries controls as agreed on 18 September 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [5725/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the priorities for the climate change mitigation measures needed in the agriculture sector here; the measurable targets for each quarter of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [5485/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to improve beef prices and protect the sector from Brexit; the area to target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5445/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of action being taken to prepare for Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [5722/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to spend the €11.6 million in TAMS approved funding that has lapsed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [5707/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which live exports have performed in 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [5720/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if policy on dairy and beef herd growth for export can be compatible with Ireland's plans to become a leader on climate change measures in view of the recent report in a publication (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [3308/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is engaging in Europe-wide discussions in relation to the export and welfare of greyhounds in particular to countries with little or no welfare standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [5486/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a €60,000 ceiling for direct payments under the next CAP in order to safeguard small and medium sized farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [5726/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his priorities for hill farmers under the new CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5624/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an application has been submitted to the EU Commission to designate Rosslare Europort as a designated border inspection posts in preparation for the possibility of the UK becoming a third country with the EU in 2019 in a no-deal Brexit scenario; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [5466/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he will view the new CAP taking into account climate change obligations of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5626/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if national forestry supports are being reviewed in view of concerns in communities in County Leitrim and other areas relating to coniferous clear-fell forests. — Eamon Ryan. [5705/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to ensure that the next round of CAP funding, both EU and Exchequer funding matches the present round of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5446/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the recent progress in the development of live export markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [5711/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of food companies that have been sanctioned funding under the Brexit working capital loan scheme; the value of same; when the long-term capital loan scheme announced in Budget 2018 for farmers, fishermen and food businesses will open for applications in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [5723/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the beef environmental efficiency pilot; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [5713/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if indications have been given at recent EU Council of Agriculture Ministers meetings and at meetings with the Agriculture Commissioner in relation to the funding level for CAP post-2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5622/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the clean oceans initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [5715/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied that the agri-food sector here is adequately protected against competition from third countries with lower production, processing and hygiene standards in view of the need to ensure the application of EU standards for all imports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5650/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans and the timetable to implement the recommendations of a Teagasc report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [5727/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts he is making to seek new markets in the context of Brexit; the efforts being made by State agencies under his remit to provide support to agri-food business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [5714/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has had discussions with the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection regarding exemptions for stable staff to the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997; his views regarding the impact in the horse racing industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [5673/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the tendering process for the recruitment of consultants for the development of the national CAP strategic plan and individual schemes his Department is designing; the budget and terms of reference of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [5708/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports provided to Bord Bia to assist agri-food businesses to find new markets for their produce in the context of a potentially changed trading environment post-Brexit. — Joe Carey. [5719/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated impact of the decision to protect waters within the six mile limit; the estimated impact this measure will have for smaller vessels and for sustainability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [5716/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the outcome of recent discussions at the EU Council of Agriculture Ministers and with the EU Agriculture Commissioner in relation to CAP reform and funding for CAP post-2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5621/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to ensure that the 2015 ruling of the European Court of Justice which ensures the welfare of animals during live export will be met throughout transport to destinations beyond EU borders. — Clare Daly. [5672/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to protect farmers in Border counties from a hard Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5464/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he has taken to date to safeguard agriculture in the event of a deal or no-deal Brexit scenario; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [5709/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for trade missions for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [5712/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the work that has been carried out within his Department and at EU level with regard to the impact of Brexit on the breeding bloodstock and equine industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [5677/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his priorities for investment under the fisheries harbours infrastructure programme for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5718/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contingency steps being taken to mitigate the impact a no-deal Brexit on the agriculture sector. — Jackie Cahill. [5729/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the removal of trees at a location (details supplied); if he will report on the investigation into the removal of those trees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5684/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken and actions carried out to re-establish a sugar beet industry; and the progress in this regard. — Brian Stanley. [5579/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated impact a no-deal Brexit will have on the dairy and beef industry here; and the contingencies being put in place in this regard. — Jackie Cahill. [5728/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position with regard to discussions in relation to the next CAP reform and the protection of the CAP budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [5721/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he had discussions with an organisation (details supplied) prior to its decision in 2016 to sell broadcast rights to a company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [5211/18]

54. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the agri-food sector continues to seek out new markets for food and food products both within the EU and elsewhere having particular regard to the needs arising from Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5649/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of plans to create an indigenous supply of biomass to supply material for power generation. — Brian Stanley. [5578/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on to the report commissioned by the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Parliament in 2017 (details supplied); if he has empirical evidence to counter the findings of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [5675/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of different information technology consultants providing services to his Department; the way in which they are sourced; the cost in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [5710/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has formally made a request to the European Commission under EU regulations further to an announcement (details supplied); if so, when the application was made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [5724/19]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*59. To ask the Taoiseach the date in November 2018 on which his attention was first drawn to the cost overruns in the national children's hospital. — Alan Kelly. [5780/19]

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

*60. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if a psychiatrist has been appointed to the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [5889/19]

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

*61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a request for reasonable accommodation was considered in the case of a person (details supplied) who applied for the Irish Aid election observation roster; if he is satisfied on the grounds of equality that in the application process and interview process the person was sufficiently accommodated to take into account their specific needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [5776/19]

*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the organisations that received funding through the main civil society funding schemes administered by Irish Aid in each of the years from 2015 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [5782/19]

*63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to provide funding in 2019 to UNFPA supplies (details supplied) in view of the global contraceptive funding gap, Ireland's commitment to the 2030 agenda and the sustainable development goal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [5821/19]

*64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount he plans to allocate in core funding to the United Nations Population Fund, in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [5822/19]

*65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which the public competition for election observers and the specific subject of disability will be in line with the civil service public equality duty; if requests for appeal on the grounds of disability will be independently considered; the arrangements in place for election observer appeals; the arrangements made for disabled applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [5857/19]

*66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has discussed the possibility of the loss of human rights for citizens in Northern Ireland if there is a no-deal Brexit with his British counterpart or the leader of the DUP; and when they last spoke regarding Brexit. — Micheál Martin. [5678/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*67. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses that qualify for the deferred payments scheme; the length of time it takes to process an application for the scheme; if the Revenue Commissioners will be obliged to allow the scheme apply to all traders following the withdrawal of the UK from the EU; if the Revenue Commissioners have increased the number of employees in the deferred scheme section to deal the increased demand on this section; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [5881/19]

*68. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost in tax revenue foregone in relation to all capital allowances to private health facilities here in each of the years since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [5940/19]

*69. To ask the Minister for Finance if persons on temporary contracts will now pay PAYE income tax on a week 1 basis under the new tax arrangement introduced in 2019 by the Revenue Commissioners; the negative short-term tax implications this could have for persons with irregular work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5777/19]

*70. To ask the Minister for Finance if in the event of new evidence in the case of persons (details supplied) a further review of their case can be undertaken by the Financial Services Ombudsman with a view to addressing the most recently emerged issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5846/19]

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

*71. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if permits or permissions are required to be sought for an activity (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [5854/19]

*72. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the public servants being referred to in section 3A(6) of the Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act 2018; if employees in the education sector that have reached 65 years of age between 1 September and 25 December 2018 can benefit from the new extended retirement age of 70 years of age under the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5908/19]

*73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to amend the Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act 2018 to extend coverage of the Act to include the public servants that were forced to retire between 6 December 2017 and the commencement of the Act due to reaching 65 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5909/19]

*74. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if constructive criticism by an employee in the public sector which is in the interest of addressing failures within a public sector workplace is viewed in the same manner as a whistle-blower; the action an employee can take if their concerns are dealt with in a persecutory manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5812/19]

*75. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date from which the present civil service code dates; his views on whether such codes require updating every few years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5813/19]

*76. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of codes of ethics within the civil service; the status of same in the context of the civil service codes; if there can be conflicts between membership professional codes of ethics and the civil service codes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5814/19]

*77. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 105 of 30 January 2019, if the rules surrounding compulsory retirement outlined apply to employees of semi-State companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5877/19]

*78. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the schemes and projects on a cross-Border basis that will be funded in 2019; if he is satisfied with the structures in place to ensure the continuation of cross-Border development in conjunction with the relevant authorities in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [2978/19]

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

*79. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter regarding a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5789/19]

*80. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter regarding a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5788/19]

*81. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide a new school for Meakstown, Dublin 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5793/19]

*82. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding will be made available for autism units in Dublin 12; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [5830/19]

*83. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the July provision is not available to the majority of children with Down syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [5847/19]

*84. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views regarding teachers that do not provide critical individual education plans for children with Down syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [5848/19]

*85. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the changes planned for the delivery of resource hours to primary schools; when changes are expected to be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [5849/19]

*86. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding caretakers and cleaners at schools becoming direct employees of his Department; if investigations into same have been carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [5856/19]

*87. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of primary and secondary schools in counties Laois and Offaly with ASD units. — Carol Nolan. [5858/19]

*88. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase the number of ASD units at primary and second-level in counties Laois and Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5859/19]

*89. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to buy or rent a building (details supplied) which is being converted to provide accommodation for a temporary primary school. — Clare Daly. [5887/19]

*90. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the location a person (details supplied) can apply for vacant positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5888/19]

*91. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if powers or duties under the Technological Universities Act 2018 have been delegated. — Thomas Byrne. [5932/19]

*92. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department is required to contribute to the cost overruns on the national children's hospital. — Thomas Byrne. [5934/19]

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

*93. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which Garda vetting has been completed in respect of candidates that have applied for recent posts within the Irish Prison Service and An Garda Síochána; the degree to which approval is forthcoming, pending or refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5783/19]

*94. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding the outstanding issues in relation to the ratification of the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combatting violence against women; and the timeframe for ratification in this regard. — Frances Fitzgerald. [5797/19]

*95. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of applications received in 2017 and 2018, by county for the community CCTV scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [5832/19]

*96. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of applications granted in 2017 and 2018, by county for the community CCTV scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [5833/19]

*97. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount of funding issued to communities for the community CCTV scheme by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [5834/19]

*98. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 142 of 26 September 2018, 420 of 6 November 2018 and 162 of 28 November 2018, if he will address issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the INIS online appointment system for registrations; the action he will take to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5835/19]

*99. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if legislative changes are proposed in respect of inheritance legislation with particular reference to minimising the opportunities for misrepresentation to the detriment of family members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [5903/19]

*100. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the level of Garda resources in County Kildare; his plans for further recruitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [5905/19]

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

*101. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the progress to date in rectifying deficiencies in the ESB safety procedures identified by the Health and Safety Authority; the timeline for the completion of corrective action; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [5820/19]

*102. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when a company (details supplied) will be open for business in Newcastlewest, County Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [5844/19]

*103. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if barbers can be removed from the list of ineligible categories under the work permit scheme in view of the fact that there is a significant shortage of barbers nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [5850/19]

*104. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of proposed legislation to tackle ticket touting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [5904/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*105. To ask the Minister for Health the assistance available to a person (details supplied) to provide support to maintain their mobility and independence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5778/19]

*106. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address matters (details supplied) in relation to services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [5785/19]

*107. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [5787/19]

*108. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date towards the introduction of a national biosimilars strategy; if it will be drafted and implemented; the timeframe for each step; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [5796/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a motorised buggy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5810/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients in Tullamore Hospital in each of the years 2010 to 2018 that have been made wards of court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5823/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in counties Laois and Offaly for which the HSE has applied for wardship in each of the years 2010 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5824/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Offaly that are wards of court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5825/19]

*113. To ask the Minister for Health the number of wards of court in nursing homes within the catchment area of Tullamore Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5826/19]

*114. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners providing a medical service to Birr community unit; if the unit has a consultant geriatrician available to it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5827/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an orthodontic appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [5842/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Health if an organisation (details supplied) receives funding for rehabilitation services from the HSE. — Clare Daly. [5843/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Health when a fair deal scheme payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [5845/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); if they will be placed on a cancellation list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5851/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in County Cork will have their assessment of need carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [5855/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agency nurses recruited to fill vacancies at Portlaoise Hospital in 2018. — Carol Nolan. [5860/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agency nurses recruited to fill vacancies at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore in 2018. — Carol Nolan. [5861/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on agency nurses at Portlaoise Hospital in 2018. — Carol Nolan. [5862/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on agency nurses at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore in 2018. — Carol Nolan. [5863/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatients awaiting orthopaedic treatment at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore. — Carol Nolan. [5864/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatients awaiting orthopaedic treatment at Portlaoise Hospital. — Carol Nolan. [5865/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the shortage of nurses at hospitals in Tullamore and Portlaoise. — Carol Nolan. [5866/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health the reason new beds announced in the winter plan have not been opened at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore. — Carol Nolan. [5867/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Laois on waiting lists for home help hours and homecare packages. — Carol Nolan. [5868/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Offaly on waiting lists for home help hours and homecare packages. — Carol Nolan. [5869/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health if an ESG will be carried out on a minor following a referral from CAMHS. — Thomas Byrne. [5871/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses on extended leave in the HSE by month in 2018; if each post empty due to leave is covered; and if not, the percentage of posts that were fully covered in each month in 2018. — Clare Daly. [5873/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologists on extended leave in the HSE by month in 2018; if each post empty due to leave is covered; and if not, the percentage of posts that were fully covered in each month in 2018. — Clare Daly. [5874/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists on extended leave in the HSE by month in 2018; if each post empty due to leave is covered; and if not, the percentage of posts that were fully covered in each month in 2018. — Clare Daly. [5875/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physical therapists on extended leave in the HSE by month in 2018; if each post empty due to leave is covered; and if not, the percentage of posts that were fully covered in each month in 2018. — Clare Daly. [5876/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied with the differing public health standards here in contrast to Northern Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [5890/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health the reason his Department is unwilling to adopt a new procurement approach to ensure that persons here are optimally protected from the most potent influenza viruses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [5891/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health the reason his Department will not procure a quadrivalent vaccination for the forthcoming winter influenza season (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [5892/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the World Health Organisation published recommended composition of influenza virus vaccines for use in the 2019 to 2020 northern hemisphere influenza season (details supplied); if he will direct the HSE to follow this guidance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [5893/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the rise in hospitalisations and deaths from the 2018 to 2019 influenza season; his plans to make a provision to prevent the same occurrence during the 2019 to 2020 season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [5894/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be a delay in the provision of capital funding to Cavan General Hospital for the purpose of upgrading wards in view of the significant cost overruns in the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [5910/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to put funding in place for homecare packages in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5911/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [5933/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health if an operation will be expedited for a person (details supplied) in UHK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5937/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the primary care reimbursement service has changed the way in which it receives emailed medical card applications by reducing the file size thereby ensuring it does not receive email medical card applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5948/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age in each LHO area awaiting a podiatry appointment in primary care at the end of 2018 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Anne Rabbitte. [5963/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age in each LHO area awaiting an ophthalmology appointment in primary care at the end of 2018 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks. — Anne Rabbitte. [5964/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age in each LHO area awaiting an audiology appointment in primary care at the end of 2018 or the latest date

available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Anne Rabbitte. [5965/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age in each LHO area awaiting a dietetics appointment in primary care at the end of 2018 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Anne Rabbitte. [5966/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age in each LHO area awaiting an oral health appointment in primary care at the end of 2018 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Anne Rabbitte. [5967/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age in each LHO area awaiting a psychology appointment in primary care at the end of 2018 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Anne Rabbitte. [5968/19]

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

*151. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2018 area of natural constraints payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5770/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if forestry parcels on a basic payment application in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5772/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the bodies, public or private, responsible for providing certification to Coillte to permit it to trade in timber; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [5779/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which fish processing facilities here remain adequate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5915/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to encourage new markets for food and food products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5916/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which efforts are being made to ensure the delivery of quality agri-foods throughout the globe in the event of having to bypass the UK in the aftermath of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5917/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he can encourage mitigation action in respect of greenhouse gases with the minimum impact on agriculture production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5918/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the market for venison remains viable nationally and abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5919/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the future of the dairy industry notwithstanding Brexit and in view of the need for diversification into new product areas in order to broaden market opportunities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5920/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which profitability in the cereal industry here remains positive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5921/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which opportunities continue to exist for the artisan food sector; the degree to which the industry has grown over the past five years; his expectations for the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5922/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which fishing remains a viable option for fishing dependent families nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5923/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which the costs of farm inputs such as fertilisers are monitored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5924/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the reliability of labelling and traceability structures throughout the food industry with particular reference to imports from third countries; the average number of checks or tests carried out in 2018; the way in which this compares with previous years; the number of cases detected which indicate a failure to meet the required standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5925/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the finalisation of the unfair trading practices directive at EU level; his plans to transpose the directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5926/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the objectives of the recently launched organic food strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5927/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which a person (details supplied) obtained a private telephone number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5928/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason carbon credits from tree plantations are being taken from persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5936/19]

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

*169. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there are climate change experts in his Department. — Micheál Martin. [5682/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to allocate additional funding to Limerick City and County Council to tackle litter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [5818/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of the collection of the farm plastics collection levy; the amount collected; the reason only one organisation receives the full levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [5872/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he or his predecessor supported the 90% separate collection target by 2025 for plastic beverage bottles contained in Article 9 of the single-use plastics directive at EU Council meetings. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5879/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amendments tabled at EU Council meetings on the proposal for a directive on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment in relation to Article 9 of the single-use plastics directive. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5880/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the assessment carried out before signing SI No. 4 of 2019 European Union (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Peat Extraction) Regulations 2019, of the impact of the regulations on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from peatlands in line with the National Peatlands Strategy. — Catherine Martin. [5883/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from peatlands he anticipates over the lifetime of the National Mitigation Plan, the National Energy and Climate Plan and the All of Government Plan on Climate Disruption. — Catherine Martin. [5884/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the data available on the marginal abatement costs of reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from peatlands; and the volume of emission reductions possible at each cost level. — Catherine Martin. [5885/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps which can be taken to assist a business (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5949/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a review (details supplied) has taken place; if so, the decision in this regard; and if not, when the review will take place. — Joan Collins. [5961/19]

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

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the rationale for the green card for cross-Border workers that the insurance industry proposes issuing in the context of a no-deal Brexit; the reason he is of the view that this is either necessary or welcome; the locations such a device is needed by Irish workers and motorists that have to drive outside the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [5795/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address issues in the taxi industry in relation to individual owners of taxis that cannot sell or lease their licence out to a car which is not in their ownership (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [5929/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to promote cycling as a transport option in order to reduce carbon emissions from transport; the cost-benefit analysis undertaken with regard to increasing investment in cycling infrastructure; if cycling rather than driving reduces carbon emissions; if cycling facilities have a better cost-benefit to communities than driving infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [5794/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 236 of 30 January 2019, his plans to introduce a service (details supplied) in either rural or urban areas in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [5815/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be made available to local councils to improve road conditions and road safety outside schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [5829/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has met with councillors (details supplied) to discuss the issue of cycling safety and infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [5831/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans regarding extension of the short hop zone to Drogheda, County Louth on the northern railway line in view of the fact that the National Development Plan 2018 to 2027 investment in the DART expansion programme has made provision for extending the metropolitan DART network for the greater Dublin area as far as Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [5836/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if an application to the NTA by an organisation (details supplied) will be approved. — Thomas Byrne. [5878/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a driver test will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5912/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding a train station (details supplied) in County Dublin; if Irish Rail plans to close this station; if so, the reason therefor; the reason no advance notice has been given to train users; the facilities which will be made available to train users using the station if it is closed; if safety concerns and the needs of older persons and persons with special needs has been taken into account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5969/19]

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

*189. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of assaults on staff recorded at Oberstown Children Detention Campus in 2018; and the number of those assaults classified as serious assaults. — Clare Daly. [5837/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of times staff members at Oberstown Children Detention Campus were threatened with weapons in each month of 2018. — Clare Daly. [5838/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of staff at Oberstown Children Detention Campus on sick leave at the end 2018. — Clare Daly. [5839/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the measures she is taking to reduce the cost of childcare particularly in the Dublin area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5840/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding an additional pre-school year for a child. — Peadar Tóibín. [5895/19]

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

*194. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which the various programmes operated by his Department can be accessed by community and rural groups throughout north County Kildare; the extent to which applications have been facilitated in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [5906/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when he plans to make an allocation for the local improvement scheme for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [5907/19]

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

*196. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if funding for the safe pass is provided for under the JobPath scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5784/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to introduce a pension traceability system to ensure that on retirement persons are able to benefit from different pension schemes they paid into over the course of their working life; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [5790/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated amount of private pension funds that remain unclaimed for a variety of reasons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [5791/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if rent supplement is being issued to recipients at a location (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5792/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application for an invalidity pension by a person (details supplied) will be updated. — Sean Sherlock. [5816/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason an application for a back to education allowance was refused in the case of a person (details supplied); if the case will be reviewed with a view to granting the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5882/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration will be given to change the rules or providing another payment that would apply when a child is still in hospital in relation to the domiciliary care allowance when granted in cases of sick children in hospital and the current stipulation that the payment can only commence once the child has been discharged home (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [5898/19]

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

*203. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the regulations for the new affordable housing scheme will be enacted; and the way in which the scheme will work. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5781/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the full costs of a project (details supplied) in Dublin 22; and his plans for the future of the scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5817/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to publish circulars issued on the website circulars.gov.ie; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [5828/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the BER ratings of the local authority stock in the 31 local authorities nationally in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5852/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount it costs to upgrade the BER rating of local authority homes in tabular form (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [5853/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when permission will be granted to Galway County Council to appoint a permanent chief executive; the reason for the delay in sanctioning same in view of the fact it is many years since the council had a permanent chief executive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5900/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of his engagements with the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General in the context of audits, inspections and or financial examinations; if he has given further consideration to include an

organisation (details supplied) as a body that will be subject to scrutiny by the office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [5902/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position in respect of a company (details supplied); the status of the contract extension; if there are plans to retender for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [5930/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of local authority housing units completed by local authorities in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and the number completed by each local authority. — Maurice Quinlivan. [5935/19]

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

*212. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the shortfall of €1.6 million in funding required for the commencement of building works in respect of a community arts centre in Tullamore, County Offaly will be allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5870/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the role of her Department in the planning for State commemorations from 2019 to 2023. — Brendan Howlin. [5376/19]

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

1. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the Public Service Pay Commission will publish its reports on recruitment and retention issues in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [5763/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the lands and properties owned by his Department deemed suitable and made available for social and affordable housing in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [5758/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on whether the public spending code adequately takes carbon impact into account when decisions are being made on capital projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [53194/18]

4. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the flood relief works on the Upper Lee at Inchigeelagh and Ballingearry, County Cork; when the tranche of projects involving Inchigeelagh and Ballingearry will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5959/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the role of the Office of Government Procurement and the chief procurement officer in his Department in the delivery of the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [5954/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details on the management of the River Shannon as part of the Managing Flood Risk in Ireland report; the timelines of the projects announced in the report; the annual allocation until 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [5764/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to make improvements to the round tower in Kells, County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [5756/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to enhance the oversight of major construction contracts in order to prevent costs escalating and to safeguard taxpayer funds in view of cost overruns to date in respect of major public construction contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [5802/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the nature of the discussions that took place between his Department and the Department of Justice and Equality that led to the establishment of a panel of barristers to assess the protected disclosures of current and former members of An Garda Síochána. — Clare Daly. [5769/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which his Department monitors expenditure on large national capital projects; the way in which spending controls in relation to procurement and construction of these projects compares to other EU and OECD jurisdictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [1098/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of the report to be laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas on the cohort of workers that will leave the interim arrangements and retire under the Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [5955/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for permanent tourist access to St. Colmcille's House, Kells, County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [5757/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to include more river systems under the Arterial Drainage Act 1945 such as the River Erne system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5951/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his attention has been drawn to the fact that officials in his Department voiced concerns regarding the national children's hospital in 2017 in relation to cost and governance; if these concerns were relayed to him at the time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [5946/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has discussed offsetting the growing costs of the national children's hospital by using funding for other health development projects with the Minister for Health as suggested by his officials in November 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [5947/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he is making the necessary preparations to combat the effects of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5913/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the expected role public private partnerships will play in capital projects under the National Development Plan 2018 to 2027; and if projects will be designed and tendered on that basis. — Jonathan O'Brien. [5956/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the Brexit preparations underway in his Department in the event of a hard Brexit; the number and grade of staff assigned to Brexit issues; the qualifications held by the staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [5801/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the detailed action plan on the requirements of Rosslare Europort in advance of Brexit is due for publication and or finalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [5806/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the engagement to date his Department has had with the EU Commission regarding flexibilities and additional supports from the EU through EU funding programmes and capital investment in view of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5960/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the key areas administered by his Department in circumstances in which emergency legislation may be necessary in the event of a no-deal Brexit or a hard Brexit; if such legislation has been prepared and is ready to be presented to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [1094/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the work carried out in relation to improving annual expenditure forecasting models across each Department; his views on the level of supplementary estimates in 2018; his plans for 2019 in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [1097/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the actions in place to secure additional emergency funding from the EU in the event of a no-deal or hard Brexit; the key areas of additional expenditure across each Department which may be necessary in the event of a very disruptive Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [1095/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has carried out a review of the cause of the recent collapse of public private partnership contracts; if he has reconsidered the approach to such contracts to ensure the appropriate protection of subcontractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [5804/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps he is taking to facilitate more civil servants that wish to relocate out of Dublin to other locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5809/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which reforms throughout the public sector remain in place to ensure accountability, collective responsibility and good value for money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5914/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress made in relation to the reopening of Ballinaspittle Garda station (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [49979/18]

28. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans of the OPW and the Department for Infrastructure Rivers in Northern Ireland to advance their work on a cross-Border basis to implement the EU floods directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5950/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the timeline for works on Rush Garda station; the date the station is scheduled to be reopened by; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [4361/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to ensure detailed oversight of public contracts for building works in view of the recent closure of publicly built schools; if he has had contact with the Departments affected including the Department of Education and Skills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [5803/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans of the Office of Public Works to host large scale concerts and events in the Phoenix Park during 2019; his plans to ensure that local residents have adequate access during such events to and from their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [5805/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps he is taking to encourage greater staff mobility within the wider public service; the progress made in 2018 to achieve same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5808/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for flood relief schemes in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [5760/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the outline design stage for the construction of the flood relief works on the Sullane River at Ballyvourney, County Cork; if the preferred options for the scheme are finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5958/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the work carried out to cost and estimate additional expenditure for the actions outlined in Preparing for the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union on 29 March 2019, a Contingency Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [1096/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the report under section 3 of the Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act 2018 will be published; if the report will include options for persons that are working on interim arrangements due to reaching 65 years of age in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [5766/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the capital projects to be delayed or deferred in each of the years 2019 to 2022 as a result of the cost overruns in the national children's hospital; when the details of these deferrals will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [5953/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the resources put in place to support the work of a panel of barristers to assess protected disclosures by members or former members of An Garda Síochána. — Clare Daly. [5768/19]