



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the role of his Department in the North East Inner City Initiative. — Mary Lou McDonald. [3892/19]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when he last met with the Dublin Inner City Forum; and the status of improvements and investments since it was set up. — Michael Moynihan. [4354/19]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when he last met with the Dublin Inner City Forum. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5309/19]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when he last met with the Dublin Inner City Forum. — Brendan Howlin. [5351/19]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if there is an informal or formal vote deal with members of the Independent Alliance. — Michael Moynihan. [4076/19]
6. To ask the Taoiseach the supports provided by his Department to the Independent Alliance and those supporting the Government. — Brendan Howlin. [5352/19]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent contacts with the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission. — Joan Burton. [4209/19]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when he last spoke with the Presidents of the European Council and the European Commission. — Mary Lou McDonald. [5187/19]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to the EU leaders since the votes were taken on 29 January 2019 in the House of Commons. — Micheál Martin. [5330/19]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent contacts with the Presidents of the EU Council and EU Commission. — Brendan Howlin. [5353/19]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to the Spanish Prime Minister, Mr. Pedro Sánchez recently. — Michael Moynihan. [5629/19]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he plans to meet the President of the European Council, Mr. Donald Tusk in February 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [5630/19]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent contacts with the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5670/19]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will be traveling to EU capitals in February 2019 to discuss Brexit. — Micheál Martin. [5681/19]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on recent discussions with EU Commission officials regarding Brexit. — Eamon Ryan. [5697/19]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to Brussels on 6 February 2019; and the meetings he held and the officials he met. — Brendan Howlin. [6512/19]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his request to the EU Commission for EU aid in the event of a hard Brexit; and the response he received on 6 February 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [6674/19]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if the European economy and growth rate was discussed at the meeting he had with Mr. Donald Tusk and Mr. Michel Barnier. — Michael Moynihan. [6675/19]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mr. Donald Tusk and Mr. Michel Barnier while in Brussels on 6 February 2019; and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [6679/19]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent trip to Brussels. — Eamon Ryan. [6703/19]

21. To ask the Taoiseach the visits he has planned abroad. — Joan Burton. [6708/19]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent trip to Brussels and the meetings he attended. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6709/19]

23. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the report submitted to him on 21 December 2018 by the Seanad Reform Implementation Group. — Brendan Howlin. [4261/19]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Seanad Reform Implementation Group. — Mary Lou McDonald. [5189/19]

25. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to review and extend the Programme for Partnership Government. — Brendan Howlin. [4262/19]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the next progress report in respect of the Programme for Partnership Government will be published. — Mary Lou McDonald. [5188/19]

27. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to review and extend the Programme for Partnership Government. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6711/19]

28. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to increase the number of staff in his Department to work and assist on Brexit preparedness. — Michael Moynihan. [4353/19]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if additional staff have been recruited in his Department to work on Brexit preparedness. — Mary Lou McDonald. [5488/19]

30. To ask the Taoiseach the response he has given to the European Commission since its latest call on 29 January 2019 to increase the contingency plans for a no-deal Brexit. — Michael Moynihan. [5628/19]

31. To ask the Taoiseach the number of additional staff recruited in his Department to assist with Brexit preparedness. — Brendan Howlin. [6511/19]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his telephone conversations with Prime Minister May on 29 and 30 January 2019; if he has had subsequent conversations with the Prime Minister; and the issues that were discussed regarding Brexit. — Micheál Martin. [5327/19]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if Prime Minister May or her officials have outlined the UK alternative proposals or suggestions when they spoke on 29 and 30 January 2019. — Micheál Martin. [5328/19]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent telephone conversation with the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Theresa May. — Brendan Howlin. [5373/19]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent conversation with the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Theresa May. — Mary Lou McDonald. [5487/19]

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he spoke to the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Theresa May when she was in Northern Ireland; and if she outlined suggestions in relation to the European backstop as laid out in her speech on 5 February 2019 while in Belfast. — Micheál Martin. [6678/19]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Theresa May explained the way in which she expects to prevent a hard Border and not to scrap the European backstop in view of her speech in Belfast on 5 February 2019 when they last met or spoke on the telephone. — Micheál Martin. [6682/19]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent conversation with the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Theresa May. — Eamon Ryan. [6702/19]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent conversation with the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Theresa May. — Joan Burton. [6706/19]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he has met or spoken with Ms Arlene Foster or Ms Michelle O'Neill since votes on 29 January 2019 in the House of Commons. — Michael Moynihan. [5349/19]

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meetings with the major political parties in Northern Ireland. — Joan Burton. [6705/19]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his trip to Northern Ireland and the meetings he attended. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6710/19]

43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Brendan Howlin. [5374/19]

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [6556/19]

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Brendan Howlin. [5375/19]

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [6557/19]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he has met church leaders recently. — Micheál Martin. [5680/19]
48. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meetings with Church leaders. — Brendan Howlin. [6510/19]
49. To ask the Taoiseach if he has held recent meetings with representatives of churches and faith communities as part of the church-State structured dialogue process. — Mary Lou McDonald. [6558/19]
50. To ask the Taoiseach if a meeting of Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) which deals with climate change, was held on 31 January 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [6295/19]

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

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

51. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the taxi advisory group is considering proposals to improve the availability of taxi services in rural areas; if revisions to the rural hackney scheme are being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [7060/19]
52. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of insurance green cards for motorists crossing the Border; the details of the one month's notice that will be required of motorists; the process of production of the green cards; the application process for motorists; if there will be a cost; and the interventions made with the EU and Britain on behalf of motorists here to ensure that there will be a seamless transition for motorists crossing the Border if Britain leaves the EU without an agreement. — Imelda Munster. [7050/19]
53. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the considerable overcrowding across the public transport system; and the steps he is taking to address same. — Robert Troy. [7061/19]
54. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to proceed with the MetroLink project from Swords to Dublin city centre as a priority; if the entire project will not be delayed by the southside alignment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [7058/19]
55. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the considerable waiting periods for driver tests nationally and the debilitating impact this can have on persons living in rural areas. — Robert Troy. [7062/19]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

56. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will report on plans in the taxi industry to introduce ride share; the recommendations he has for regulating same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6721/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has spoken with his French counterpart in relation to Brexit recently and the arrangements that France has in place for Calais and other ports. — Michael Moynihan. [4074/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for investment in primary routes in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [6686/19]

59. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to disability proof policies of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [6514/19]

60. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the actions he has taken to address the ownership issue at Rosslare Europort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [6716/19]

61. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 482 and 484 of 29 January 2019, if a response will issue in relation to the treatment of members of An Garda Síochána and the Defence Forces as being exempt from airport security compliance on the basis that they receive a once off full background check. — Clare Daly. [6350/19]

62. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress being made to replace diesel buses in Dublin with alternative low emission vehicles; the type of buses that will replace diesel buses; the number of buses that will be replaced with non-diesel buses each year; the timeframe to replace all buses in Dublin with non-diesel buses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [6431/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent of proposed augmentation and investment in rail services over the next five years with particular reference to the extent that services can be tailored to meet the ongoing travel requirements of commuters such as identifying the way in which rail services in general can meet the demands of medium to middle distance commuters from towns and villages outside the greater Dublin area thereby alleviating road traffic congestion and reducing travel time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6718/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the impact on persons with disabilities that can not access DART and rail transport due to the non-maintenance and failures of lifts at certain stations; his plans to ensure such persons can access rail and DART services in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [6714/19]

65. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has or plans to investigate a similar move here in view of the decision of Luxemburg to introduce free public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6722/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the consideration he has given to reinstating the airport police and customs back onto the security compliance list with the completion of a full background check; if he has been contacted by the DAA seeking a full background check for its officers within the airport police service from An Garda Síochána; if an additional request of having 10% of all officers receive a full background check annually has been reviewed; if this offer has been addressed or accepted by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [6351/19]

67. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has received reports from the NTA on the performance of a company (details supplied) that recently won the tender for certain Dublin Bus routes; his views on the operation of these routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [6713/19]

68. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the position paper submitted by the Rural Transport Network identifying the importance of statutory planning to progress the potential of local transport services and the need to build on alignments with local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [6701/19]

69. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if measures are in place to replace train tickets for commuters outside the short hop zone that may have had their tickets stolen; and if not, if measures will be considered. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6672/19]

70. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the work of the high level project management board in relation to the creation of a single national aviation regulator. — Clare Daly. [6349/19]

71. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which public private partnership arrangements will be used in new road construction projects in the next five years. — Eamon Ryan. [6692/19]

72. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the population and employment figures needed in the Navan and Dunshaughlin areas of County Meath in order to commence a high capacity rail link between Navan and Dublin; and if he has he sought details from Meath County Council in respect of planning approvals and projected applications for the areas in making the determination that forecasts do not justify the expenditure and taken this into consideration. — Shane Cassells. [6698/19]

73. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to provide specific additional funding to local authorities in the Border region such as counties Cavan and Monaghan; if regional routes which carry a heavy volume of traffic will be improved in view of the fact that improved road infrastructure is needed to reduce costs for business and commerce and the competitive challenges that will face many sectors in the region following Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [6719/19]

74. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has put specific proposals for funding to the European Commission in relation to the urgent need to upgrade road infrastructure in the Border region due to the additional challenges for business and commerce in the region following Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [6720/19]

75. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce similar segregated cycle paths on the northside of Dublin city in view of the success of the off-road cycle track parallel to the Grand Canal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [6254/19]

76. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the taxi advisory group is considering proposals to improve the availability of taxi services in rural Ireland; if revisions to the rural hackney scheme are being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [6693/19]



77. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the ten year strategic plan for Rosslare Europort of Irish Rail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [6715/19]

78. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the number of driver testers will be increased in the Skibbereen, Mallow, Cork, Killarney and Tralee test centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [6688/19]

79. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amendments being made with regard to traffic regulations to take account of the arrival of electric scooters, battery scooters and electric bicycles; his plans to introduce a speed limit in cycle lanes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [6253/19]

80. 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. [6463/19]

81. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the engagement he has had with an association (details supplied) regarding its compliance with the governance code endorsed by his Department; his views on recent changes at the organisation which will see board members that are serving terms in excess of ten years duration seeking re-election for a further four year term; the oversight his Department has in this regard; if he has the authority to impose penalties on non-compliant bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [6712/19]

82. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the internal review of the Air Navigation (Munitions of War, Weapons and Dangerous Goods) Orders 1973 and 1989 has been completed; and if so, when it will be published. — Clare Daly. [6352/19]

83. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he is satisfied with the arrangements regarding the transit of weapons, troops and munitions on civilian aircraft. — Clare Daly. [6353/19]

84. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the contract renewal for the public bike share schemes in regional cities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6690/19]

85. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if consideration has been given to providing funding for the creation of activity tourism hubs in which persons and groups in rural Ireland offering such activities could come together and provide a joint offer to tourists within an area. — Martin Kenny. [52143/18]

86. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the categories in which large vehicles are required to be equipped with a tachograph; the categories of such vehicles that are exempt; the road safety measures that will be introduced to improve safety in relation to heavy goods and public service vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [6260/19]

87. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date on which the large scale sport infrastructure fund will be announced; the stage at which the assessment of the projects is at; and the number of projects likely to benefit from the fund. — Shane Cassells. [6699/19]

88. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider funding for the extension of the M3 motorway to Cavan town and the east west link; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6589/19]

89. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he is taking to reduce the waiting times for driver tests in the Skibbereen, Mallow, Cork, Killarney and Tralee test centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [6687/19]

90. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the status of the N2 will be reviewed with a view to upgrading it to motorway status in view of the number of recent accidents on the route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6590/19]

91. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 939 of 6 November 2018, the status of the provision of park and ride facilities for Galway city as recommended in the Galway transport strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6689/19]

92. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for investment in vital recreational infrastructure for local communities such as swimming pools, community centres and other sporting facilities; the extent to which recent budgetary allocations are sufficient to meet demand in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6717/19]

93. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the underspend from the 2018 Carbon Reduction Programme will be carried forward and added to the €7.6 million allocation for 2019 (details supplied); the programmes and projects that will be supported under same in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [6432/19]

94. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the perceived considerable waiting periods nationally for driver tests and the impact this can have on persons living in rural areas. — Robert Troy. [6696/19]

95. 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 the project; the funding that will be made available for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [6464/19]

96. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the next stage of the public consultation process for the metro with particular reference to alternative routes for the metro in south County Dublin. — Eamon Ryan. [6691/19]

97. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of roadworthiness inspections on HGV operators carried out by the RSA and An Garda Síochána, respectively in each of the years 2016 to 2018; the number of such inspections carried out in respect of out-of-state operators and their country of origin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [6697/19]

98. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the review of the policy by which asylum seekers cannot apply for driver licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [6694/19]

99. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views regarding safety procedures for maritime operations within the jurisdiction of the State; his plans to review same; and if it is planned to ratify the Torremolinos Convention. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5616/19]

100. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which planners for BusConnects have engaged and held consultations with affected residents along initial routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [6255/19]

101. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the overcrowding across the public transport system; and the steps he is taking to address the matter. — Robert Troy. [6695/19]

102. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the planned review of the evening and weekend local link rural bus pilot scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [6700/19]

103. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if measures are being considered to reduce waiting times for driver tests in County Kildare and nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [6673/19]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*104. To ask the Taoiseach if the lack of the Northern Assembly was discussed when he met the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Theresa May on 8 February 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [6676/19]

\*105. To ask the Taoiseach if Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) met recently. — Micheál Martin. [6683/19]

\*106. To ask the Taoiseach if he has met church leaders recently. — Micheál Martin. [7055/19]

\*107. To ask the Taoiseach if he met with EU leaders when he was in Brussels; and if he held other meetings after or before he met with Mr. Donald Tusk. — Micheál Martin. [7057/19]

\*108. To ask the Taoiseach the number of advisers and special advisers employed by his Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of expertise covered by such advisers; and the annual salaries associated with same. — Mattie McGrath. [6578/19]

\*109. To ask the Taoiseach the number of boards or agencies his officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of staff being appointed to boards or agencies; and if so, when same was last updated. — Barry Cowen. [6653/19]

\*110. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meetings in Brussels with Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker and Mr. Donald Tusk in particular the issues raised in relation to Brexit and state aid rules. — Lisa Chambers. [7125/19]

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

\*111. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the engagement between his Department and Kildare County Council regarding ongoing land management and maintenance of the Curragh Plains. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6360/19]

\*112. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the protests over pay and conditions by veterans and families of the Defence Forces. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6365/19]

\*113. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the way in which partnerships have been encouraged between the Defence Forces and the private sector in County Kildare with a view to increased research, innovation and enterprise development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6368/19]

\*114. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the family of a person (details supplied) was granted medals in recognition of their service and sacrifice; and if not, if a medal will be granted. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6484/19]

\*115. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the amount of sick leave taken by members of the Army, Air Corps and Naval Service in each year since 2000, by officer and enlisted personnel per service in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [6513/19]

\*116. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of advisers and special advisers employed by his Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of expertise covered by such advisers; the annual salaries associated with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6568/19]

\*117. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to develop lands in the area of the Defence Forces training centre on the Curragh in order to enhance relationships with the local communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6625/19]

\*118. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of boards or agencies his officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of staff being appointed to boards or agencies; if so, when same was last updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6643/19]

\*119. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the reason a retired member of the Defence Forces (details supplied) has not received an increase in pension entitlement for the past decade; when a pension will be received by retired Army ranks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [6743/19]

\*120. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 110, 111 and 112 of 28 November 2018 and 75 of 24 January 2019, the reason for the delay in answering the original three questions; the exact timeframe for reply in this regard; if all written Parliamentary Questions in relation to the Defence Forces are subject to similar delays in issuing responses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [6754/19]

\*121. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of appointments in the Defence Forces training centre for civilian employees; the number of these positions unfilled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6963/19]

\*122. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if funding has been made available for the refurbishment of catering facilities at Custume Barracks, Athlone; and when the project will commence. — Robert Troy. [6998/19]

\*123. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the position regarding the replacement of CASA maritime patrol aircraft within the Air Corps. — Robert Troy. [6999/19]

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

\*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the compliance of Irish Aid in regard to public sector equality duties and specifically if its volunteer rosters are equipped for disabled volunteers; if the rosters possess independent appeal processes which include disability in regard to volunteer membership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [6596/19]

\*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps being taken at EU and international level to address human rights concerns in Bahrain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [6406/19]

\*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the EU or international community has formally investigated reports of torture in prisons in Bahrain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [6407/19]

\*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action taken or which will be taken regarding the detention of human rights activists in Bahrain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [6408/19]

\*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the Rohingya; the efforts being made by the EU and international community to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [6409/19]

\*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the efforts to double Ireland's global footprint by 2025; the actions taken to date; the actions which will be taken in the short to medium-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [6410/19]

\*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the actions taken to address difficulties being experienced by returning Irish emigrants; the progress in implementing the recommendations from the report on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [6411/19]

\*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the necessary documentation required when applying for a passport; and if an applicant whose passport is expired in excess of five years must provide a public services card with the application. — Robert Troy. [6445/19]

\*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of advisers and special advisers employed by his Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of expertise covered by such advisers; the annual salaries associated with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6572/19]

\*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of boards or agencies his officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of

staff being appointed to boards or agencies; if so, when same was last updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6647/19]

\*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the conflict in Syria; the efforts being made at EU and international level to bring a political resolution to the conflict; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [6808/19]

\*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has considered reopening an embassy in Iran particularly in the context of plans to double Ireland's global footprint by 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [6809/19]

\*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps he has taken to specifically help the Yazidi; if he will consider providing specific funding to assist the Yazidi women and children that have escaped sexual slavery and abuse at the hands of ISIS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [6811/19]

\*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has given consideration to formally recognising the brutal campaign against the Yazidi by ISIS as genocide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [6812/19]

\*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the name and age of each observer appointed to the 2018 election observer roster; the county each lives in; if they were members of the previous roster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [6829/19]

\*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the breakdown of the allocation in 2019 for the passport reform programme; the phases which will be delivered in 2019; the date in 2019 each will be delivered; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6862/19]

\*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if funding was provided in 2018 to support the work of the United Nations population fund in humanitarian settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [7037/19]

\*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of his visit to the United States of America including meetings and engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7048/19]

\*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on his lunch meeting with the US Secretary of State Mr. Mike Pompeo; the issues that were discussed; the responses that were made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [7085/19]

\*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he is considering a long time limit on the European backstop in view of the difficulties in the House of Commons. — Micheál Martin. [6681/19]

\*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the fact that the Government of the United States of America may implement Title 3 of the Helms Burton Act (details supplied); and if he will raise the matter with his US counterpart. — Seán Crowe. [7137/19]

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

\*145. To ask the Minister for Finance the customs arrangements (details supplied) in the event of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6460/19]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address the issue of returning emigrants being charged high car insurance due to the fact they have lost their no claims bonus (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [6244/19]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of an increase in fuel allowance for those that qualify to neutralise the impact of a €5, €10, €15 and €20 increase in the carbon tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [6267/19]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Finance if tracker mortgages will be investigated in cases in which the applicant had their appeal refused by the independent appeals panel of the lender and is unhappy with the appeal outcome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6292/19]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to ensure that the 28,000 returning Irish emigrants in 2019 will not be treated as first time drivers or novice drivers in the calculations of insurance companies (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [6304/19]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the betting tax review; when the review will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [6317/19]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of applications for EIB funds made since 1 January 2015; the details of each project; the amount applied for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6319/19]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Finance when a person (details supplied) in County Derry can expect a notice of claim to be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6323/19]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which the selection process for the role of Governor of the Central Bank is carried out; the salary for the role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6329/19]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Finance when the review on the betting tax will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6399/19]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Finance if the direct relationship attracts stamp duty at a lower percentage than if the land was being transferred to a stranger in circumstances in which a father is transferring land to their son; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6404/19]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of recommendation six of the report on the cost of employer and public liability insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6419/19]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Finance the rights a consumer has to seek a lower interest on their mortgage as their loan to value decreases; the obligations on lenders to inform borrowers of these options; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6446/19]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Finance the policy of each State-backed bank on changing the interest rate applied to a mortgage loan as the loan to value decreases; when this policy was adopted; if borrowers are entitled to a backdating of this lower rate to the date the lender introduced such a policy; if a valuation of the property is required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6447/19]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of efforts to reduce the cost of car insurance; the number of recommendations and associated actions from the Report on the Cost of Motor Insurance which have been completed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [6503/19]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Finance the percentage of property owners that have secured flood insurance since OPW flood schemes were put into place as a result of the flood relief works; the number or percentage of property owners that have secured flood insurance without excess; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6525/19]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of instances of flood victims being denied flood insurance post a claim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6526/19]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Finance if the record of claims regarding flood and burst pipe insurance of an organisation (details supplied) between 2013 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by the number of burst pipes and fluvial and coastal flooding figures, respectively will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6527/19]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of revenue collected by year from stamp duty on non-life insurance policies from 2008 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6528/19]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the effectiveness of regulation of insurance across the EU and Solvency II Directive 2009 in view of the number of insurance firms that have collapsed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6529/19]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Finance the position in relation to the fine imposed by the Central Bank on a company (details supplied); the reason for the fine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6530/19]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Revenue Commissioners officials due to be posted to Rosslare Europort following a recent recruitment campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6533/19]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the review of an alternative proposal on betting tax has been delayed until July 2019 in view of the fact that it was originally to be reviewed in the first quarter of the year. — Thomas Byrne. [6544/19]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the closure of betting shops since January 2019; and if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that betting shops are remaining open pending his review of an alternative proposal on betting tax and that the delay in this regard threatens further significant closures. — Thomas Byrne. [6546/19]



\*169. To ask the Minister for Finance the level and projected levels of general expenditure from 2010 to 2024 or the latest available date by current and capital (details supplied) in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [6560/19]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Finance the level and projected levels of general revenue from 2010 to 2024 or the latest available date by tax and non-tax revenue (details supplied) in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [6561/19]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of advisers and special advisers employed by his Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of expertise covered by such advisers; the annual salaries associated with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6571/19]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Finance if Revenue Commissioners enforcement officers are subject to physical security checks upon entering, leaving and or re-entering the premises and or facilities and or lands they are permanently assigned to; the number of enforcement officers by location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6591/19]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has given consideration to the introduction of a category of vulnerable taxpayers or persons to be defined in the Revenue Commissioners guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [6614/19]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of boards or agencies his officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of staff being appointed to boards or agencies; if so, when same was last updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6646/19]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of claimants that are yet to receive their compensation in full as a result of the failure of a company (details supplied); the number of these that have settled their claims; the number that have yet to settle; the date of the next payout from the insurance compensation fund; the number of claimants due to be paid from the next payout; the estimated amount that will be paid out at that date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6684/19]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 171 of 27 November 2018, the reason for the delay in the Revenue Commissioners reply. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [6727/19]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding medical supplies exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6738/19]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Finance if the attention of the Central Bank has been drawn to customers being contacted by banks that are offering to buy out tracker mortgages by replacing them with a fixed or standard variable mortgage plus an up-front cash payment; the views of the bank on such a practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6802/19]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Finance if a company (details supplied) is regulated by the Central Bank as an owner of credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6823/19]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of times the Central Bank has compelled the production and or provision of information pertinent to monitoring anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism requirements pursuant to sections 66 to 68 and 77 of the

Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) Act 2010 and section 27 of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6827/19]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6975/19]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue protection measures in place to ensure that all compressed natural gas complies with the relevant statutory requirements both blending, excise and carbon tax rates in the same way as customs officials test for marked fuel oil; and the way in which he plans to ensure that gas intended for the heating market is not used for road transport purposes. — Robert Troy. [7002/19]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of his review of the implementation of a 100% increase in turnover tax for the bookmaker and betting industry announced in Budget 2019; if the review includes up to date research and analysis of the impact the tax is having on the financial viability of the bookmaking industry and on subsequent job losses; the timeframe for completion of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [7012/19]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of insurance claims filed in each of the years 2015 to 2018; the overall amount paid out on claims by insurance type; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7016/19]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to an issue following the completion of the Project Glas sale with mortgage payments not being processed by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7034/19]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to delays in the processing of section 481 applications by the Revenue Commissioners (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [7083/19]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual gross increases in general expenditure required between 2020 to 2024 to reach the EU15 average level of general expenditure as a percentage of GDP; if he will provide these annual expenditure increases as a percentage of GDP and a percentage of GNI; and the impact on projected general Government balance in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [7101/19]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual gross increases in general revenue required between 2020 to 2024 to reach the EU15 average level of general revenue as a percentage of GDP; if he will provide these annual revenue increases as a percentage of GDP and a percentage of GNI; and the impact on projected general Government balance in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [7102/19]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff at the National Treasury Management Agency excluding the National Asset Management Agency that received pay in 2018 including retention payments and other benefits by ranges (details supplied); the number employed by the National Treasury Management Agency at the end of 2017 and 2018, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7104/19]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff at the National Asset Management Agency that received pay in 2017 by ranges (details supplied); the number employed by the agency

at the end of 2017 and 2018, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7105/19]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount paid out by the National Asset Management Agency in voluntary redundancy payments in 2018; the number of staff that took voluntary redundancy in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7106/19]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Finance the expenditure and allocations attributable to the drugs programme that were made by the Revenue Commissioners custom service in each of the past five years; the projects and programmes supported by the funding in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7119/19]

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

\*193. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if risk assessments have been carried out in areas previously prone to flooding but which are now OPW defended zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6523/19]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of properties in zones defended by the OPW that have full flood insurance coverage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6524/19]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Nenagh River in areas (details supplied) in County Tipperary will be cleaned in view of the fact that in moderate rainfall it floods land in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6552/19]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the allocation in 2019 for the forensic science library; the date in 2019 building will commence; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6877/19]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason the revised estimates published on 19 December 2018 took no account of the cost overrun on the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6947/19]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to extend the season during which access is provided to Sceilg Mhichíl Island, County Kerry from 1 April with the season ending at the end of October to facilitate more persons visiting the island and to reduce pressure on the island during the summer months and to facilitate more persons earning a livelihood from the island; his further plans to provide toilets for visitors to the island using the old lighthouse there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7021/19]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if public tenders that require photographic images must be provided in hardcopy in addition to digital format; and his views on whether this leads to increased cost for tenderers and therefore the State. — Thomas Byrne. [6236/19]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the offices of Intreo, Garda vetting and penalty points in Thurles, County Tipperary require extra office space (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6248/19]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his attention has been drawn to the fact that insurance companies are using the OPW website and the flood report on the site to refuse flood insurance at a location (details supplied) and are ignoring the note that the information is not for commercial use; if confirmation will be provided on the website that the estate has not been subject to flooding since its construction 25 years ago; his views on the fact that property owners living in the estate are unable to sell their property due to the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [6393/19]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his officials and civil servants across the public service are subject to Circular 12/2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [6427/19]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the dates, attendees and purposes of all meetings he or his special advisers had with a person (details supplied) in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Alan Kelly. [6519/19]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will publish all correspondence between a person (details supplied) or his office or his officials with him, or his special advisers or the Secretary General of his Department or the Secretary General's office in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date on 2019. — Alan Kelly. [6520/19]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of advisers and special advisers employed by his Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of expertise covered by such advisers; the annual salaries associated with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6576/19]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of public projects undertaken by a company (details supplied) in the past ten years that have involved overruns of the original estimated cost. — Clare Daly. [6597/19]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if all communications between his Department and the Department of Health regarding the national children's hospital in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019 will be published. — Alan Kelly. [6610/19]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of boards or agencies his officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of staff being appointed to boards or agencies; if so, when same was last updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6651/19]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the circumstances in relation to the appointment of an official in his Department to the national paediatric development board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6655/19]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of his officials that have been appointed to the board of the national paediatric development board since its creation in 2007; the dates these officials were appointed to the board; if he was required to approve these appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6658/19]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date he was first informed of the cost overruns at the national children's hospital; if he was informed by his officials or officials from

another Department; if it was from within his Department, the division which informed him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6667/19]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the purpose of the contracts committee; the person or body that sits on the committee; the Departments represented; the positions or levels they hold in each Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6726/19]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a review of capital projects for 2019 has commenced in view of the capital overrun at the national children's hospital; if there has been consultation with his Department in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6856/19]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the €50 million to be found within the Health vote and the €50 million to be found in other Departments as a result of the overspend on the national children's hospital will come from the capital expenditure envelope and not the current envelope. — Barry Cowen. [6860/19]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the allocation in 2019 for the National Museum of Ireland and Natural History Museum; the date in 2019 the OPW plans to replace the roof of the building; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6909/19]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the €123 million allocation in 2019 for the Hawkins House project; the date in 2019 the project is expected to begin; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6910/19]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the €46 million allocation in 2019 for the Leeson Lane redevelopment; the date in 2019 the project is expected to begin; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6911/19]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the €37 million allocation in 2019 for the Enniscorthy flood relief scheme; the date in 2019 the project is expected to commence; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6912/19]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the €30 million allocation in 2019 for the children's science museum and National Concert Hall; the date in 2019 the project is expected to commence; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6913/19]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the €24 million allocation in 2019 for the Arklow flood relief scheme; the date in 2019 the project is expected to begin; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6914/19]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the €30 million allocation in 2019 for the Skibbereen flood relief scheme; the date in 2019 the project will be

completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6915/19]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the €23 million allocation in 2019 for the Bandon flood relief scheme; the date in 2019 the project will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6916/19]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if officials from his Department will inspect coastal erosion at a location (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6978/19]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 164 of 5 December 2018, if a representative from the OPW will contact a person (details supplied) in County Kerry regarding flood defence works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6982/19]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress to date on infrastructural projects in County Meath listed in the National Development Plan; and the amount spent on consultants and construction projects, respectively in relation to same in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [7013/19]

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

\*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person (details supplied) was refused the SUSI grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6256/19]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of planned school building works at a school (detail supplied). — Robert Troy. [6279/19]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school building project (details supplied) in County Cork; and when construction will commence. — Sean Sherlock. [6305/19]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to have a third ASD unit provided at a school (details supplied) for the 2019/2020 school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [6310/19]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to introduce ASD units at secondary school level (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6312/19]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of young persons in the school cycle that do not avail of transition year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [6338/19]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of persons over 18 years of age that are undertaking the leaving certificate for the first time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [6339/19]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children up to 12 years of age in catchment areas (details supplied) in County Wicklow; the number of available primary school places

in the area; the projected school places in each of the years 2020 to 2024; if additional provision for school places will be required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [6346/19]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined and revised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6347/19]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a major building project for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6362/19]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for the proposed extension of a school (details supplied); the status of the project; the timeline for completion of the works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6363/19]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for the proposed extension of a school (details supplied); the status of the project; the timeline for completion of the works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6364/19]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if land has been secured for a new school building (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6366/19]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding has been approved for the redevelopment of a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [6386/19]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the applications for additional accommodation and development by a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [6387/19]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 381 of 15 January 2019, the prequalification fulfilments of the DDLETB in view of the fact that the prequalification document was completed and sent to his Department in 2016; and the reason for the delay. — Clare Daly. [6486/19]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 381 of 15 January 2019, the steps he is taking to fast-track the provision of a new school building at a school (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [6487/19]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the provision of time for eating and hygiene as part of the school day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6496/19]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person (details supplied) is not receiving adequate educational supports to meet their special needs; and when adequate educational supports will be provided. — Eoin Ó Broin. [6500/19]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he has taken in relation to safeguarding ongoing educational programmes and educational cooperation between other EU states with students on exchange programmes in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6506/19]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address the issues raised by a union (details supplied) in relation to the conditions attaching to the employment status of school secretaries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [6540/19]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a meeting will be convened with a group (details supplied) in respect of a school project in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6548/19]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the extension and refurbishment of a school (details supplied) will proceed to the tender and build stage; if the school will be granted rapid build status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [6555/19]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of advisers and special advisers employed by his Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of expertise covered by such advisers; the annual salaries associated with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6569/19]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding school transport for children (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [6587/19]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the junior cycle English 2017 report by the chief examiner was issued to all management authorities in the second-level school sector; if so, the date on which the report was issued; the means of communication used to issue the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6588/19]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) applied for the prefab replacement programme; if so, the status of the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [6594/19]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a request has been made by a primary school in Wexford for an additional SNA or additional special needs resources for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [6598/19]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the provisions in place to ensure that individual education plans will be provided (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [6615/19]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase the availability of the July provision to more children with Down syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [6632/19]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if individual education plans will be provided for teenagers with Down syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [6633/19]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of boards or agencies his officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of staff being appointed to boards or agencies; if so, when same was last updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6644/19]



\*258. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address concerns outlined in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [6659/19]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the applications for additional accommodation and development at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [6661/19]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a new school building project for a school (details supplied); if the acquisition of a new site for the school has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [6725/19]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 38 of 22 January 2019, when he expects a full year's data to be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6755/19]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a new national school for south Swords area of Fingal will be delivered in temporary accommodation at a location (details supplied) for the commencement of the September 2019 school year; if so, the number of classrooms which will be provided; and if other facilities such as physical education, school bus and special needs unit will be included. — Clare Daly. [6759/19]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a new national school for south Swords area of Fingal will give priority access to children from a catchment area (details supplied) for September 2019. — Clare Daly. [6760/19]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the planning assessment process will be completed with regard to the delivery of a new national school for an area (details supplied) in County Dublin. — Clare Daly. [6761/19]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the breakdown of the allocation in 2019 for the prefab replacement scheme; the dates in 2019 each construction project is expected to commence; if this will be impacted by the cost overrun with the National Children's Hospital; if he has been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6792/19]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the breakdown of the €15 million allocation for 2019 for a college (details supplied); the date in 2019 the project will commence; if this will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he has been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6794/19]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the breakdown of the €18 million allocation for 2019 for an institute (details supplied); the date in 2019 the project will commence; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he has been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6795/19]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the breakdown of the €15 million allocation for 2019 for an institute (details supplied); the date in 2019 the project will commence; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he has been consulted by the

Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6796/19]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the breakdown of the allocation in 2019 for the higher education PPP programme; the date in 2019 the programme will commence; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he has been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6797/19]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when teacher supply panels will be introduced. — Thomas Byrne. [6805/19]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status in relation to the development of an ASD unit at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [6818/19]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount of time allocated in a school day for national school children to have their breaks; the portion of this time allocated for eating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [6838/19]

\*273. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cad iad na socrúithe atá á ndéanamh le freastal ar an éileamh ar oideachas dara leibhéal i ndeisceart Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath le freastal ar na scoláirí atá ag fágáil na nbunscoileanna lán-Ghaelacha i mBaile Átha Cliath 6 (sonraí tugtha); agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [6922/19]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if each capital application for schools in County Wexford will be granted; the type and extent of each application; the status of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6960/19]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the distance from Dublin 12 to the nearest school with a designated classroom for students with autism. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [6980/19]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of payments of home school tuition made to persons in the Dublin 12 area. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [6981/19]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the review of the Youthreach Programme; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7018/19]

\*278. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna maidir le Ceist Uimhir 147 ar an 19ú Aibreán 2018, cad iad torthaí an phróisis comhairliúcháin a chuir Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna na Gaillimhe agus Ros Comáin ar bun le grúpaí agus eagraíochtaí pobail áitiúla mar aon leis an tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna maidir le hIonad Teagmhála na nÓg i dTír an Fhia, Conamara; an bhfuil an próiseas comhairliúcháin curtha i gcrích; an bhfuil na torthaí ar fáil go fóill; cad iad na moltaí a rinneadh ina thaobh; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [7019/19]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason free school transport is not being provided to a child (details supplied); when the appeal lodged in relation to the case will be decided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7020/19]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress made to date on providing a new school building for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7025/19]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a full psychological service will be restored to a school (details supplied); the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7026/19]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a request by a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7039/19]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the circumstances that has resulted in substitute teachers paying emergency tax since before Christmas 2018; the measures he has taken to resolve the issue; when it will be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7024/19]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the expenditure and allocations attributable to drugs programmes that were made available in each of the past five years; the projects and programmes supported by the funding in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7114/19]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address matters relating to a device (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7138/19]

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

\*286. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the staffing complement of the Inspector of Prisons; the staffing level deemed necessary; if requests for additional funding to increase staff numbers have been made in 2018 or to date in 2019; if so, the result of such requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [6268/19]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the tender process for the new direct provision centre within a 40km radius of Newbridge, County Kildare has concluded; if so, the contracts that have been awarded for same; and the way in which this affects the status of a centre (details supplied) in Dublin 22. — Eoin Ó Broin. [6278/19]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the process in a situation in which no will in relation to land is left by a deceased person in which there is no immediate family or known descendants to the deceased; if the State eventually takes control of the land in such a situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [6388/19]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the supports available for the families of victims of crime abroad to help them to attend court dates and trial hearings which may be financially prohibitive independently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [6405/19]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the options available to a person (details supplied); if the deportation order will be reconsidered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6455/19]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí attached to each sub-district within the Cork city division. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6468/19]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of squad cars or Garda vehicles attached to each sub-district within the Cork city division. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6469/19]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of squad cars on duty in the Cork city division between October 2018 and to date in 2019. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6470/19]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of squad cars attached to the Garda station in Carrigaline, County Cork in each of the years since 2010. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6473/19]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of squad cars attached to the Garda station in Ballincollig, County Cork in each of the years since 2010. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6474/19]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of squad cars attached to the Garda station in Passage West, County Cork in each of the years since 2010. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6475/19]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of squad cars attached to the Garda station in Douglas, County Cork in each of the years since 2010.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6476/19]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of squad cars attached to the Garda station in Togher, County Cork, in each of the years since 2010. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6477/19]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí attached to the station in Carrigaline, County Cork in each of the years since 2010. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6478/19]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí attached to the station in Ballincollig, County Cork in each of the years since 2010. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6479/19]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí attached to the station in Passage West, County Cork in each of the years since 2010. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6480/19]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí attached to the station in Douglas, County Cork in each of the years since 2010. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6481/19]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí attached to the station in Togher, County Cork in each of the years since 2010. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6482/19]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding roadside accident statistics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6497/19]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of advisers and special advisers employed by his Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of expertise covered by such advisers; the annual salaries associated with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6575/19]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of refugees settled here under the Irish refugee protection programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6626/19]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of boards or agencies his officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of staff being appointed to boards or agencies; if so, when same was last updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6650/19]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of prosecutions initiated in respect of road worthiness related infringements against HGV operators in each of the years 2016 to 2018; the number of such prosecutions against foreign operators and their country of origin; the number of convictions secured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [6733/19]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the capital expenditure proposed by An Garda Síochána in the north Dublin Garda division in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [6775/19]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will report on Garda operation disruption; the number of persons arrested and charged to date; the number of successful convictions obtained to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [6776/19]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce grants for the installation of intruder alarms for older persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [6779/19]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 175 of 9 October 2018 and 241 of 5 December 2018, when a reply will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6822/19]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he expects to receive the policing plan for 2019 for An Garda Síochána. — Mary Lou McDonald. [6824/19]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the allocation in 2019 for the Garda station bundle; the date in 2019 the project is expected to commence; the projects which will commence and be completed in 2019; if they will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6900/19]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 291 of 16 October 2018, if he has received a response to his communication with the Garda Commissioner regarding domestic homicide reviews; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [6932/19]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of mountain bikes attached to each district in the Westmeath Garda division as of 31 January 2018 and 31 January 2019. — Robert Troy. [6996/19]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to details relating to a complaint made by a member of An Garda Síochána (details supplied) providing evidence of

alleged assault, bullying and intimidation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [7006/19]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason no action was taken in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); the reason suspensions have not taken place; the attempts that have been made to rehabilitate the career of the person; his plans to compensate them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [7007/19]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will address a matter in relation to a posting on social media (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [7008/19]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce a differentiation in the process for persons applying for citizenship (details supplied) that have been here for a long period of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7014/19]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the expenditure and allocations attributable to drugs programmes that were made available in each of the past five years; the projects and programmes supported by the funding in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7111/19]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the expenditure and allocations attributable to the drugs programme that were made by An Garda Síochána in each of the past five years; the projects and programmes supported by the funding in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7117/19]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the expenditure and allocations attributable to the drugs programme that were made by the Irish Prison Service in each of the past five years; the projects and programmes supported by the funding in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7118/19]

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

\*324. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the supports and guidance that will be provided by her Department and agencies under her remit for businesses arising from standards and certification changes due to Brexit. — Billy Kelleher. [6257/19]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on correspondence (details supplied) regarding a legislative proposal. — Billy Kelleher. [6259/19]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA site visits to County Limerick in each of the years 2011 to 2018, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [6283/19]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation further to Parliamentary Question No. 120 of 31 January 2019, if her Department or an agency under her remit hold the information; the extent of the involvement of her Department with the company at the time of transfer or purchase; the involvement by the State in rescuing the company and the jobs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [6381/19]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the relevant Departments have engaged with the CEOs of the various food companies and SMEs which conduct business here or have a workforce in the UK in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6466/19]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of advisers and special advisers employed by her Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of expertise covered by such advisers; the annual salaries associated with same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6564/19]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of meat plants inspected by the legal metrology service in each of the years 2016 to 2018; the date each plant was inspected; the breaches that were found; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [6634/19]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of boards or agencies her officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of staff being appointed to boards or agencies; if so, when same was last updated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6639/19]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the breakdown of the €17 million allocation for 2019 for cycle 5 of the programme for research in third-level institutions; the date in 2019 it will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if she has been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6788/19]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the details of the €500 million allocated for the disruptive technologies innovation fund to be rolled out in 2019; the date in 2019 the fund will roll out; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if she has been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6789/19]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will respond to issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to Drogheda, County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [6826/19]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she has commissioned research or holds research or data relating to a united Ireland. — Maurice Quinlivan. [6927/19]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a report will be commissioned to explore the potential benefits and challenges a united Ireland would bring to businesses across the island of Ireland. — Maurice Quinlivan. [6928/19]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the reports commissioned by her Department in 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the cost and author of each report; and if each report is publically available. — Maurice Quinlivan. [6929/19]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to provide for a merchants' incentive scheme as part of the new digital strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6993/19]

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

\*339. To ask the Minister for Health if the public information leaflet and associated stickers are being included mandatorily in the dispensing of sodium valporate to prescribed patients. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [6735/19]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Health if a service agreement between the HSE and a service provider exists or existed in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6243/19]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the Cork-Kerry HSE has not received its budget allocation for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6247/19]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not received a homecare package; and when a package will be put in place for them. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [6271/19]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he is taking to ensure children (details supplied) will not be waiting for 18 months before receiving an appointment with the early intervention team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [6276/19]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are no audiology services in the new primary care centres in Tralee, County Kerry and Bantry, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6282/19]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Health when an operation will be rescheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6284/19]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Health when a resubmitted application seeking reimbursement for Translarna (details supplied) will be processed by the HSE; when the drugs committee will assess the submission; when a decision will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6285/19]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Health if an application seeking reimbursement for Translarna (details supplied) will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6286/19]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in the establishment of a body to monitor the codes of practice on the marketing and advertising of food and non-alcoholic beverages in addition to the development of guidelines for same; 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. — Denise Mitchell. [6297/19]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 188 of 12 December 2018, the detail of his engagement with industry representation on initiating a register of signatories to the codes of practice on the marketing and advertising of food and non-alcoholic beverages; the frequency with which he has met with representatives of the industry; when a register of signatories will be initiated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [6298/19]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the consideration of the collated outcomes from Connect, Collaborate, Create; Co-Designing Healthier Communities, A Healthy Ireland Stakeholder



Forum on the Built Environment by the relevant Departments, the National Physical Activity Plan implementation group and the Obesity Policy Implementation Oversight Group for the purposes of advancing work in the area of health and environmental planning; if there is a proposed timeline for the development of these materials; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [6299/19]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reopening of a ward at a hospital (details supplied); if the first tranche of beds have now been opened; when the remaining beds will be open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [6318/19]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Health when legislation will be brought forward to implement the proposed changes in the fair deal scheme outlined in February 2018; the full extent of the changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [6326/19]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person with a full medical card is charged for blood tests in a general practitioner surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6328/19]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements and or instructions issued to the HSE with regard to the supply of vital medicines in respect of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6332/19]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to ensure that cancer patients have access to innovation new cancer treatments at the same time as those in other European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [6335/19]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Health his plans regarding strengthening the role of the national cancer control programme in delivering the National Cancer Strategy 2017-2026 as per recommendation 44; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [6334/19]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the National Cancer Strategy 2017-2026; the funding allocated in 2019 towards the implementation of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [6336/19]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Health the preparation undertaken to ensure that the chain of command for administering the procurement and building of the national children's hospital project was prepared, skilled and stress tested in order to prevent spiralling cost overruns. — Peadar Tóibín. [6340/19]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Health if unsuccessful bidders for development of the national children's hospital will be included in the investigation into the spiralling of costs; if employees that undertake the procurement for large infrastructure projects such as this have a contractual obligation to ensure that costs of projects do not spiral out of control; and if not, the way in which he will hold those responsible for the cost overruns to account. — Peadar Tóibín. [6341/19]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 475 of 16 October 2018, if home help hours will be sanctioned for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6343/19]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Health the status of respite care, occupational therapy, home support and speech and language therapy appointments in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6354/19]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will have an assessment for surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [6355/19]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for occupational therapy by county; the number waiting more than 3, 6 and 9 months and a year, respectively by county; and the longest length of time waited for the service. — Peadar Tóibín. [6356/19]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 421 of 22 January 2019, if he will request the HSE to issue a response as promised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6357/19]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be given a licence for medicinal cannabis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6361/19]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Health the contractual obligations included in the procurement process to prevent spiralling costs in the development of the national children's hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [6370/19]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [6373/19]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons working in the CAMHS service in County Tipperary; the number of positions that are either on leave or vacant, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6374/19]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Health if the service at a location (details supplied) in County Cork is to close; if so, the replacement services being provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6375/19]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to improve the level of child mental health service in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6376/19]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); the timeframe for surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6377/19]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be arranged for a person (details supplied); if the matter will be expedited; the number on the waiting list; the length of time they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [6382/19]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in arranging an operation at Cappagh Hospital for a person (details supplied); the way in which he is addressing the waiting list for young children that require urgent hip operations; if there is a restriction on the use of the operating theatre at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [6384/19]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Health if home support and grief counselling will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6389/19]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Health when capital funding will be allocated for the new diabetes day unit at Sligo University Hospital for which planning permission was secured in December 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [6390/19]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Health if a report will be provided (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6391/19]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Health if a MRI scan will be expedited for a person (details supplied); the number of MRI scans carried out each week at WUH; the number of persons on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [6392/19]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand the services for those affected by Alzheimer's and that attend a centre (details supplied); the funding received by the centre from the HSE in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [6396/19]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the implementation of the national clinical programme for epilepsy which has been under discussion since 2012 and which was approved by the HSE in 2016 (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [6398/19]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the health (transport support) Bill. — Robert Troy. [6401/19]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of the original agreed tender with a company (details supplied) for the children's hospital in St. James's; and the amount it has increased to. — Joan Collins. [6402/19]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 137 of 7 November 2018 and 349 of 18 December 2018, if a statement was provided by a person (details supplied). — Bríd Smith. [6423/19]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Health the revised cost of a report (details supplied) into overruns at the national children's hospital in view of the revised terms of reference. — Jonathan O'Brien. [6429/19]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to State-backed health infrastructure projects which have been delayed due to the sale of the loans of a contractor to vulture funds; if so, the projects, such as in the case of a company (details supplied); his plans to intervene to ensure the timely completion of such projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6434/19]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Clashmore health centre, County Waterford; if ownership of the health centre remains with the HSE; when general practitioner services will be reinstated in the village; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6438/19]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a health centre (details supplied) in County Waterford; if ownership of the facility remains with the HSE; when general practitioner services will be reinstated in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6439/19]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a facility (details supplied) County Waterford; the ownership status of the facility; when general practitioner services will be reinstated in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6440/19]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent public health nurses operating in the Dungarvan and Lismore municipal district or the closest corresponding HSE area of operations; if the full allocation of positions is filled; the number of public health nurses attached to each health centre in the district; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6441/19]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Health the level of emergency ambulance provision in the Dungarvan and Lismore municipal district or closest corresponding HSE area of operations; if a needs assessment has been carried out; the way in which the allocation corresponds to need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6442/19]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Health when a reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [6448/19]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter regarding an air ambulance (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6450/19]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a hospital appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [6457/19]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be allocated additional homecare hours. — Eoin Ó Broin. [6465/19]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Health if a €1 million national fund will be made available through the drug policy unit in his Department; if the addiction services and local drugs task force in Drogheda will be in a position to apply for this funding stream at a time when it is providing critical work during a major drugs crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [6467/19]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to establishing a screening programme for haemochromatosis such as in the UK in order to ensure that no person goes undiagnosed with an iron overload (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Barrett. [6488/19]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for approved funding spend for the community nursing units in Stranorlar and Ramelton, County Donegal; when tenders will be sought for this work to begin (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [6489/19]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to address the issues outlined by a group (details supplied); when a definitive answer to its future in terms of a new build community nursing unit for the area will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [6490/19]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Health the impact on anticipated upgrades for the community hospital sector in County Donegal in view of the cost overrun of the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [6491/19]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a case regarding the HSE and a service provider (details supplied); the status of the funding that was provided for the service user; if he will direct the HSE to review the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6495/19]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will have a follow-up appointment at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [6499/19]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6501/19]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Number 129 of 21 November 2018 to the Minister for Education and Skills, the way in which an application can be made through the aids and appliances scheme administered by the HSE in relation to computer equipment for a person (details supplied). — Kate O'Connell. [6516/19]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Health if the reports by a company (details supplied) in respect of the national children's hospital will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6521/19]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the HSE to facilitate conservation led improvements to a location (details supplied) in Dublin 8 and carry out a study of its historic importance, that is, the persons buried there and so on. — Joan Collins. [6531/19]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the planned €7.85 million national rehabilitation unit at Roscommon County Hospital which was approved in 2015 for a 20 bed unit to be managed in conjunction with the service in Dún Laoghaire; when the design phase will be completed; when construction is expected to commence; if funding for the project is included in the HSE capital plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6532/19]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the progression of capital projects at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Roscommon, Portiuncula University Hospital in Ballinasloe and St. Patrick's Hospital in Carrick-on-Shannon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [6534/19]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Health if eligibility for a medical card for a person (details supplied) will be reviewed in view of the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6539/19]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in obtaining a scan at a clinic in County Galway; the position on the waiting list for same of a person (details supplied); when an appointment will be arranged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [6549/19]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by the NTPF on patients by county in each of the years 2016 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [6550/19]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital procedure will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6559/19]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Health the number of advisers and special advisers employed by his Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of expertise covered by such advisers; the annual salaries associated with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6573/19]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the NTPF budget spent on patients with addresses in County Kerry in each of the years 2016 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [6585/19]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be transferred from Galway University Hospital to the National Rehabilitation Hospital; the reason for the delay; the position of the person on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [6592/19]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychiatric in-patient units here with no disabled showers within the unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6593/19]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) continues to be on the waiting list for CAMHS and psychiatric services in view of the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [6599/19]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for counselling in primary care in each CHO; and the number of persons waiting between 0 to 1, 1 to 3, 3 to 6 and over 6 months, respectively. — Mick Wallace. [6600/19]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Wexford waiting for counselling in primary care; and the number of persons waiting for counselling in County Wexford between 0 to 1, 1 to 3, 3 to 6 and over 6 months, respectively. — Mick Wallace. [6601/19]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals for counselling in primary care; and the number of sessions offered in each CHO in each of the years since its introduction in 2013 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Mick Wallace. [6602/19]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals for counselling in primary care; and the number of sessions offered in County Wexford in each of the years since its introduction in 2013 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Mick Wallace. [6603/19]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals for the self-harm intervention programme; and the number of sessions offered in each CHO in each of the years 2010 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Mick Wallace. [6604/19]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals for the self-harm intervention programme; and the number of sessions offered in County Wexford in each of the years 2010 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Mick Wallace. [6605/19]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Health the budget for counselling in primary care for each CHO in each of the years 2013 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Mick Wallace. [6606/19]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Health the budget for the self-harm intervention programme for each CHO in each of the years 2010 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Mick Wallace. [6607/19]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting a transfer from prison to the Central Mental Hospital; the number of patients on the caseload of in-reach teams the hospital provides to the prison service here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6608/19]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the high cost of the batteries required to operate cochlear implants; if the batteries are covered by a medical card; and if not, if funding is available to cover the cost. — Gerry Adams. [6611/19]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 1,800 members of the National Ambulance Service availing of the facility to have union deductions taken by NAS payroll; and the number of members of a union (details supplied) exited on the date on which their subscriptions were ceased in view of the fact that he has access to figures for the deductions. — Peadar Tóibín. [6617/19]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that were having deductions taken for a trade union (details supplied); and the number of deductions being taken from another union on the date on which union subscriptions for members of a union were ceased. — Peadar Tóibín. [6618/19]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 1,800 National Ambulance Service staff involved with direct patient contact; and the number in an administrative role. — Peadar Tóibín. [6619/19]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6620/19]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a primary care certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6622/19]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant posts in whole-time equivalent terms in the CAMHS service for each CHO in tabular form. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6623/19]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the practice of admitting children and young persons to adult mental health units to cease. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6624/19]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologists in post by CHO nationally in tabular form; the target number of psychologists by CHO as advised in A Vision for Change in tabular form; the measures in place to address the shortage of psychologists across the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [6629/19]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Health when a report (details supplied) on the review of genetics services here will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [6630/19]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Health if a company (details supplied) under its contract to provide cervical screening services to the HSE, outsources some of its work outside of the contract with the HSE to labs in the United States of America; if so, when he and a person were notified of same; the actions that have been taken as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [6631/19]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Health the number of boards or agencies his officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of staff being appointed to boards or

agencies; if so, when same was last updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6648/19]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale behind the appointment of a HSE staff member and the appointment of a Department of Public Expenditure and Reform official to the national paediatric development board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6656/19]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons appointed to the national paediatric development board since it was set up in 2007; the expertise of these appointees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6657/19]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 1,800 members of the National Ambulance Service availing of the facility to have union deductions taken by payroll; the figures for the deductions of a union (details supplied) to date; and when the National Ambulance Service payroll ceased deducting trade union fees by the union. — Joan Collins. [6669/19]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Health the number of members of the National Ambulance Service that have their deductions taken for unions (details supplied), respectively as of 25 January 2018. — Joan Collins. [6670/19]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 1,800 National Ambulance Service staff involved with direct patient contact and administrative roles, respectively. — Joan Collins. [6671/19]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be placed in a facility as a matter of urgency. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [6685/19]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Health the capital expenditure on the national children’s hospital in December 2017; the month that coincided with the EIB confirming their capital investment loan in the same project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [6723/19]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of the EIB loan approved for the NCH in December 2017 vis-a-vis the complete hospital project. — John Lahart. [6724/19]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Health if an assessment for the provision of a public health nurse for a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [6728/19]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Health if an impact study being carried out by an organisation (details supplied) is delaying action in relation to commitments made to raise public awareness regarding the use of sodium valproate for certain groups of persons. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [6736/19]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an agreement to place a public information poster in all general practitioner and primary care practices concerning warnings in relation to side effects from the prescribing of sodium valproate. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [6737/19]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for orthodontic treatment with the Health Service Executive. — Barry Cowen. [6740/19]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Health the details of funding mechanisms available for the purchase of vehicles for HSE community care facilities County Donegal providing residential, temporary and



respite care to ensure they meet with HIQUA standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6742/19]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding Dingle Community Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6748/19]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 1,800 National Ambulance Service staff involved with direct patient contact and the number in an administrative role, respectively. — Clare Daly. [6757/19]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Health the number the 1,800 members of the National Ambulance Service availing of the facility to have union deductions taken by NAS payroll. — Clare Daly. [6758/19]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the drug Daxas is not covered under the medical card scheme; his plans to include this drug under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [6765/19]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Health the funding received from the European Investment Bank for the construction of the new children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [6767/19]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the respite crisis being experienced for dozens of families at a centre (details supplied); the position regarding the latest reports of an oil leak there; when the centre will be open again and return to full service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6769/19]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a date for bariatric surgery; the position of the person on the waiting list; the reason for the delay in providing this treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [6770/19]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on community ophthalmic services scheme in 2016, 2017 and 2018; the budget allocation for same in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [6773/19]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the €3.1 million will be spent in 2019 for the National Women and Infants Health Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [6774/19]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the accident and emergency department in St. Michael's Hospital, Dún Laoghaire cannot accept an ambulance after 6pm in view of the fact it is open until 8pm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6801/19]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Health the number of personnel employed by the National Ambulance Service; the number that avail of the facility to have union deductions automatically deducted through the NAS payroll system by union across each of the relevant recognised workers' unions, by which they are represented in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6803/19]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Health the number of National Ambulance Service personnel involved with direct patient contact; the number of personnel employed in administrative roles; the

number of personnel employed in other roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6804/19]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Health the role he has in the provision and contribution of services for persons experiencing deafness; the commitments he will give to ensure the continuation of services to a society (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [6825/19]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Health if respite care will be provided for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6828/19]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Health if a copy of all minutes of meetings of the board or sub-committees of the National Paediatric Development Board held in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, will be provided. — Alan Kelly. [6830/19]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to address a shortage of parking at Mullingar primary care centre (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [6834/19]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Health if an adequate air conditioning system will be installed at the Mullingar primary care centre as part of works which are taking place at the facility. — Robert Troy. [6835/19]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the plan for a new emergency department and the reconfiguration of the existing department at Beaumont Hospital under Project Ireland 2040; if the overrun in spending in the national children's hospital is expected to impact the commencement date of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [6840/19]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the plan for a 20 bed purpose built cystic fibrosis in-patient facility at Beaumont Hospital under Project Ireland 2040; if the overrun in spending at the national children's hospital is expected to impact the commencement date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [6841/19]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €79 million allocation for 2019 for the National Rehabilitation Hospital redevelopment; the date in 2019 it will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6863/19]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €55 million allocation for 2019 for the Cork University Hospital radiation oncology unit; the date in 2019 the unit will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6864/19]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €31 million allocation for 2019 for the Waterford University Hospital ward block; the date in 2019 the ward will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6865/19]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €15 million allocation for 2019 for the Naas endoscopy suite; the date in 2019 the building of the suite will commence; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6866/19]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €13 million allocation for 2019 for Sligo acute mental health; the date in 2019 the project is expected to begin; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6867/19]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €12 million allocation for 2019 for the Letterkenny rebuild; the date in 2019 the rebuild will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6868/19]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €4 million allocation for 2019 for the Clonmel ward accommodation and outpatients department; the date in 2019 these projects will commence; if they will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6869/19]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €4 million allocation for 2019 for the Sligo central sterile services department; the date in 2019 the project is expected to begin; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6870/19]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €160 million allocation for 2019 for the national forensic mental hospital on the Portrane campus; the date in 2019 the project is expected to be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6871/19]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €295 million allocation for 2019 for the national maternity hospital; the date in 2019 when the project will begin; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6872/19]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Health when the paediatric outpatients and urgent care centre at Connolly Hospital will open in 2019; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6873/19]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid to each contractor to date in relation to the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6923/19]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Health the cost per patient by year of the FreeStyle Libre diabetes monitoring system. — Maurice Quinlivan. [6924/19]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Health the cost per patient by year of the aids needed for finger prick blood glucose monitoring including the testing strips, lancets and electronic glucose meters. — Maurice Quinlivan. [6925/19]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to place the FreeStyle Libre system on the long term illness scheme for persons with type 1 diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [6926/19]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical card application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [6931/19]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline and the anticipated official opening date of the new HSE dental clinic in Celbridge, County Kildare which is undergoing refurbishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [6936/19]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding FEMPI cuts on general practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [6937/19]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a panel in CHO area 8 to fill home help positions; the number of positions filled to date from this panel; and when further recruitment will take place. — Robert Troy. [6939/19]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Health the repairs policy in place for wheelchair users when repairs are required to their wheelchair in the Waterford city area; the recommended and average timeframe for repairs to take place at present; if further delays are encountered depending on the monetary value of the estimated repair bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [6953/19]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a development (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6956/19]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Health when a building (details supplied) will be opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6957/19]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a project (details supplied) in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6958/19]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Health the details of each building project contained in the capital plan at each development stage including new builds, extensions and improvements; the cost of each project by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6959/19]

\*493. 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. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [6970/19]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money spent to date on the national children's hospital; the breakdown of money spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6976/19]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding a cervical smear test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6979/19]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that have utilised the treatment abroad fund in County Tipperary and nationally in 2016, 2017 and 2018, in tabular form; the five main illnesses that were treated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6990/19]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on whether Translarna will become available through the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [6991/19]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not heard from health professionals in relation to the matter; and the reason the health system is failing the person. — Niamh Smyth. [7003/19]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not received test results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7004/19]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 432 of 16 October 2019, the status of the model of care for dual diagnosis the first draft of which was scheduled for discussion during the January 2019 meeting of the National Working Group; if further consideration has been given to the selection of County Louth as a demonstration site for a dual diagnosis practitioner; the number of demonstration sites that will be selected; and the timeframe for the roll out of the demonstration sites. — Gerry Adams. [7009/19]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7015/19]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an assessment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7017/19]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce legislation to amend the nursing home subvention scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7023/19]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the recent opening of an 18,000 square metre 148 bed, state-of-the-art children's hospital in Germany (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [7027/19]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 814 of 15 January 2019 and the reply issued by the HSE on 22 January 2019, the further meetings that have taken place between the staff concerned, the union and the HSE to help resolve all outstanding issues and fully deal with the Labour Court recommendations; if a redundancy package has been offered to employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [7036/19]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7040/19]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of a report (details supplied) into the future and long-term sustainability of three community hospitals in County Donegal; if he will provide a copy of other relevant documents in relation to the decision to maintain the long stay accommodation units in all three community hospitals and recent reports into the future of long-term accommodation units and capacity at these three hospitals which were conducted internally in the HSE or his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [7099/19]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be made available in 2019 to ensure work commences on the primary health care centre at Rowlagh, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 in view of the budgetary overrun on the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7107/19]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have been in receipt of Suboxone in each of the past five years; the number receiving Suboxone; if an evaluation of the treatment has been undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7108/19]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure and allocations attributable to drugs programmes that were made available in each of the past five years; the projects and programmes supported by the funding in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7110/19]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure and allocations attributable to the drugs programmes made by the HSE for each of the past five years; the projects and programmes supported by the funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7116/19]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a service level agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [7131/19]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Health when an assessment of need report will be issued in respect of a child (details supplied) in County Cork; when the child will have a CAMHS assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7133/19]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Health if funding is being provided in the 2019 capital plan for the new 60 bed modular unit at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [7134/19]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 721 of 15 January 2019, if the reply is accurate in view of his comments at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health regarding the proposed new 60 bed modular unit for University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [7135/19]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Health if the period allowable for compensation claims for negligence within the health service will be extended from two to five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7140/19]

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

\*517. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has formally met with the farming organisations here and in Northern Ireland to discuss the implications of Brexit for the sector; if so, the details of these meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [7124/19]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an organic farming scheme payment will be made available to a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6246/19]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a degree in agricultural food science is not recognised for the green certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [6249/19]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers in County Tipperary that have applied for the hen harrier scheme; the number that have been paid; the maximum

and average payment made, respectively; his plans to take more farmers into the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6274/19]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if farmers that have been taken out of the ANC scheme are informed of the reason they have been excluded in order that they can mount an appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6275/19]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a matter in relation to the catching of dogfish (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6281/19]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the national and sectoral targets under the new strategy for the development of the organic food sector here in tabular form. — Jackie Cahill. [6289/19]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount and percentage of forestry payments received in 2018 by farmers and non-farmers, respectively under the Forestry Programme 2014 to 2020. — Jackie Cahill. [6290/19]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the relevant Departments have spoken to their counterparts in the UK with regard to food production and the transport of raw materials such as milk from Northern Ireland to here for processing and re-exporting of manufacturing products to England as a result of Brexit; his plans in place in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6324/19]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the return to service protocol to be followed by the authorised officer to allow a mechanical grading machine to be returned to full service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [6412/19]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of occasions in 2018 during the course of an unannounced inspection a FBO has been asked to check and record the accuracy of the weighing scales used for the purposes of weighing a carcass in the presence of the authorised officer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [6413/19]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date by which the 2018 Bord Bia annual report will be published; and if the report will be of the same format and contain the same type of information as the 2017 report. — Anne Rabbitte. [6425/19]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding carcass measurement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [6426/19]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); when a decision can be expected on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [6498/19]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a coordinated approach in respect of food imports and exports for SMEs to Northern Ireland and the UK in the event of a no-deal Brexit has been developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [6509/19]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [6536/19]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [6553/19]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of advisers and special advisers employed by his Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of expertise covered by such advisers; the annual salaries associated with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6563/19]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 848 of 15 January 2019, if he has applied a fine on a particular carcass for non-compliance with the carcass trim specification in January 2019; the plant involved; the payment made to the farmer supplier to reflect loss; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [6635/19]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date when each of the mechanical classification machines was recalibrated in each meat plant; if he has received reports from the system provider of machines miscalculating grades; the number of times he has identified that the performance of machine grading has been outside the tolerance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [6636/19]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of breaches identified during announced inspections in 2018 on the evaluation of standard of dressing records, concerning use of check weights, comparison of hot and cold weights and labelling particulars, respectively in each plant concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [6637/19]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of boards or agencies his officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of staff being appointed to boards or agencies; if so, when same was last updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6638/19]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2018 GLAS payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6744/19]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the targeted financial aid or compensation measures considered at national and EU level to support Irish beef farmers in view of the effects of perceived already uneconomical prices at market from calves to weanlings to finished cattle in the context of a deal or no-deal Brexit. — John Deasy. [6750/19]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific market oriented engagement that has taken place between his Department and the agencies under his remit since the Brexit referendum with a view to opening new lines of export for the beef sector; the successes achieved to date; the options to be prioritised or explored next; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Deasy. [6751/19]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the latest assessments made by his Department in relation to the potential impact of a hard or soft Brexit on the beef sector here at primary producer level; and if average farm income reduction calculations have been made based on both best case and worst case scenarios. — John Deasy. [6752/19]



\*543. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has conducted an analysis by county of the potential consequences of Brexit on the profile of farming types and producer and livestock numbers; and the impact of projected alterations in beef farming activity over the next number of years on local economies such as County Waterford (details supplied). — John Deasy. [6753/19]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has engaged in discussions to introduce an employment regulation order to ensure a minimum standard of pay and working conditions for seasonal workers in the agricultural sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [6762/19]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 483 of 5 February 2019, when validation checks will be cleared on an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [6771/19]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of the €180 million allocation for the fishery harbour centres; the major development projects to be initiated in 2019; the date in 2019 these projects are scheduled to commence; if this will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he has been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6785/19]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of the €39 million allocation for 2019 for the remediation of Haulbowline Island; the date in 2019 the east tip element will be completed; if this will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he has been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6786/19]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of the €9 million allocation for 2019 for the national food innovation hub; the date in 2019 the project will be completed; if this will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he has been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6787/19]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he has taken to act on the conclusions of the review of Joint Labour Committees 2018 carried out by the Labour Court particularly section 41A(3)(b) with regard to consideration of the making of an employment regulation order for the sector. — Clare Daly. [6799/19]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of progress to facilitate exports of beef to Iran; if he has considered the impact the reopening of the embassy in Tehran would have on agri-food exports to Iran; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [6810/19]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6816/19]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the situation regarding young farmers that are in a farming partnership will be clarified in relation to their eligibility to apply for entitlements on an annual basis from the national reserve in cases in which the young farmers have

their own herd number with an off-farm income which is less than €40,000 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [6842/19]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to reopen and review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [6930/19]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for improving and extending Killybegs Harbour, County Donegal; the timeline for the tendering of this project; the timeframe for the complete delivery of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [6938/19]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he will take to address the fodder crisis here; if he will undertake a county specific fodder analysis or survey to account for the regional variations in rainfall and impact on farmland specifically in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6944/19]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an application lodged for an oyster farm licence at Carrickfinn, County Donegal; when a decision will be known regarding the application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [6950/19]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the recent round of public consultation on aquaculture licencing reforms and new procedures to be introduced; when he will be in a position to bring forward a new system and procedures of application; if he will provide a report into the ad hoc committee which was working on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [6951/19]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the emergency funding sought for his Department from the European Union; the extent of the request or application for funding made as recently reported during the visit of the Taoiseach to Brussels this week; if agreement exists to date regarding this proposed emergency funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [6968/19]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of on an ANC appeal by a person (details supplied); when a decision can be expected on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [6973/19]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person (details supplied) was omitted from a scheme; if this person will be included in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [6977/19]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 818 of 15 January 2019, if the case will be reviewed in view of the fact his Department cancelled the initial test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7100/19]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a payment in the case of a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7139/19]

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

\*563. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he or his officials received information or have had discussions with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mrs. Karen Bradley on the possibility of the UK Government considering the Newry and Mourne area for the construction of a nuclear waste disposal site (details supplied); his views in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [6581/19]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the lack of compliance with the planning conditions in the infrastructure agreement between EirGrid and the ESB regarding the North-South Interconnector; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the ESB has taken over the independent function of EirGrid which is unauthorised in accordance with SI 445 of 2000; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that EirGrid did not submit the 584 access routes for planning approval; his views on whether it is appropriate that landowners will not be informed of access to their lands until construction is ready to be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [6242/19]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the progress on environmental issues at a location (details supplied) in County Tipperary; if a compulsory purchase order is being considered for the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6250/19]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the establishment of eleven high-level interdepartmental teams which will develop actions to step up Ireland's response to climate change in the context of the All of Government Climate Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [6266/19]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the Broadcast Authority of Ireland will undertake a full review of the rules dealing with food advertising to children; the process in this regard; when the revised code may take effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [6300/19]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the public consultation will commence to gather the views and suggestions of stakeholders on the way in which Ireland should approach the implementation of the provisions of the revised audiovisual media service directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [6301/19]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the analysis conducted in regard to the number of online scam practices; and if there has been analysis carried out on the way in which this affects vulnerable groups. — Brian Stanley. [6302/19]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if consideration has been given to provide additional powers and resources to the Commission for Communications Regulation to address regulation of online scams being experienced in view of the policy to move persons to online use of public services. — Brian Stanley. [6303/19]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he or his officials have met with angling club representatives in recent months; and if not, the reason therefor. — Brian Stanley. [6309/19]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of a fibre broadband application for a property (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6322/19]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed. — Timmy Dooley. [6325/19]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the eel fishermen compensation scheme for affected fishermen on Lough Ree; and the reason compensation did not issue in December 2018 as initially reported. — Robert Troy. [6348/19]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of progress in relation to the provision of broadband (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6380/19]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the national broadband process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [6551/19]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of advisers and special advisers employed by his Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of expertise covered by such advisers; the annual salaries associated with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6566/19]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he or his officials received information or have had discussions with his counterpart in the UK on the possibility of considering the Newry and Mourne area for the construction of a nuclear waste disposal site (details supplied); his views in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [6582/19]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of boards or agencies his officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of staff being appointed to boards or agencies; if so, when same was last updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6641/19]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the extent to which air pollutants have been identified at the air quality monitoring station in Enniscorthy, County Wexford; the action he will take in response to increases in air pollution in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [6747/19]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the breakdown of the allocation in 2019 for the national smart energy metering programme; the date in 2019 the programme will be rolled out; if this will be impacted by the cost overrun with the National Children's Hospital; if he has been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6790/19]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the breakdown of the allocation in 2019 for converting west Offaly and Lough Ree power plants to more sustainable low carbon technologies; the date in 2019 the plants are expected to be converted; if this will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he has been consulted by the

Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6791/19]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the breakdown of the allocation for the Climate Action Fund for 2019; the date in 2019 the fund will be rolled out; if this will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he has been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6793/19]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the provision of an annual support towards the cost of pay-by-weight bin charges for homes disposing incontinence pads; when the scheme will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6945/19]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to proposals to consider the establishment of a geological disposal facility and or nuclear waste disposal facility in the Newry, Mourne and Down area; if he has been notified and consulted by the UK authorities on this matter of concern to Border communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [6972/19]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the way in which the target of blending under the biofuel obligation scheme that all road transport fuel, liquid or gaseous must contain a blend of 10% biofuels is to be achieved in the case of compressed natural gas; if all sales of compressed natural gas are meeting the blend requirement; and if not, the remedial actions required to remedy the situation. — Robert Troy. [7000/19]

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

\*587. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €25 million allocation for 2019 for the Fresh Start Agreement; the date in 2019 the funding will be made available; the date the first part of the A5 road project will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6861/19]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of persons awaiting a first driver test and second test, respectively in each driver test centre here; the length of time applicants are waiting in each centre; and the category of waiting lists in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [6252/19]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will request TII to investigate the surface of the motorway between Roscrea, County Tipperary and Annacotty, County Limerick (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6291/19]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the specific cycling allocations made by county in addition to projects since he announced funding in Budget 2019. — Sean Sherlock. [6306/19]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has met with officials from Cork City Council regarding planned transport provisions following the expansion of the city in June 2019. — Sean Sherlock. [6307/19]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal holds a valid driver licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6327/19]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the upgrade to the northern commuter Connolly to Drogheda line (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [6371/19]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the plans in the short to medium term to alleviate the congestion on the northern commuter rail line, including an increase in extra direct bus services to the city centre; if the necessary physical infrastructure and funding is in place to provide for the upgrade; the timeline and delivery in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [6372/19]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of tourists that visit County Tipperary annually by nationality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6378/19]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the value of tourism to County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6379/19]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether there should be an extraordinary review of Ireland's TEN-T infrastructure; if so, if he has made representations in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [6400/19]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of users of the LocalLink service in each of the areas it is in operation in each of the years 2016 to 2018. — Imelda Munster. [6428/19]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the 2018 sports capital grant application decisions will be made in the case of a club (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [6437/19]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether it is appropriate that Rosslare Europort has a different ownership structure to other Irish ports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [6444/19]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the request from an organisation (details supplied) that consideration be given to the provision of dedicated bus corridors along the arterial routes into Dublin; if the project could be funded from the climate action fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [6462/19]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a HGV test for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6492/19]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be provided to carry out a noise survey at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6542/19]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of advisers and special advisers employed by his Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of expertise

covered by such advisers; the annual salaries associated with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6579/19]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps that will be taken to ensure that persons that need assistance boarding and exiting trains using ramps and so on will still do so safely and conveniently in view of the new proposals to remove staff from stations nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [6583/19]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of passengers per hour on the new Bus Éireann Ballincollig to Carrigaline route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [6584/19]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the categories of staff that are considered risk and or subject to physical security checks by private security firms when entering Dublin Airport and buildings at the airport for work; the categories of staff that are not considered a risk and are not subject to physical security checks by private security firms when entering the airport and its buildings for work; the number of civil servants permanently assigned to duties at the airport by Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6595/19]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of grant funding provided to each national sport governing body in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [6609/19]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of authorised officers assigned to Dublin Airport; the details by number of authorised officers, rank and or grade by the authority and or Department they originate from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6612/19]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of boards or agencies his officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of staff being appointed to boards or agencies; if so, when same was last updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6654/19]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress made to date on implementing the governance code of community, voluntary and charitable organisations in the context of sports bodies; the engagement he has had with an association (details supplied) in respect of same in 2018 and to date in 2019; if he has had engagements with Sports Ireland in the context of withholding funding to bodies that fail to subscribe to the code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6660/19]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of inspections for cabotage activity of foreign HGV operators carried out by the RSA and An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2016 to 2018; the number of prosecutions arising from such inspections; the country of origin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [6732/19]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of the RSA as a regulatory agency to determine if it is performing its statutory functions in an effective manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [6734/19]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a location (details supplied) rests within the ownership of the State or its part-owned company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6764/19]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if contact will be made with the NTA to seek funding in order to provide new bus shelters at the stop serving a location (details supplied) in County Sligo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [6807/19]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the allocation in 2019 for the investment in the inter-urban rail network; the dates in 2019 28 rail carriages will re-enter service; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6878/19]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the allocation in 2019 for the LocalLink programme; the date in 2019 the suspension on the purchase of diesel only buses will be enacted; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6879/19]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €56 million allocation for 2019 for the greenways strategy; the projects to be delivered in 2019; the dates in 2019 these projects will be completed; if they will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6880/19]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €2 billion allocation for 2019 for the DART expansion programme; the date in 2019 a new contract will be awarded; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6881/19]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €75 million allocation for 2019 for the heavy rail enhancement program; the date in 2019 the city centre resignaling project is expected to be completed; the date in 2019 the Pearse Street re-roofing will commence; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6882/19]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €2 billion allocation for 2019 for BusConnects; the date in 2019 the planning process will begin; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6883/19]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €200 million allocation for 2019 for the N22 Ballyvourney to Macroom route; the date in 2019 building will commence; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6884/19]



\*623. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €150 million allocation for 2019 for the national train control centre; the date in 2019 the project will commence; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6885/19]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €115 million allocation for 2019 for the Dunkettle Interchange; the date in 2019 construction will commence; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6886/19]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €100 million allocation for 2019 for N25 Dungloe to Glenties road; the date in 2019 the project will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6887/19]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €52 million allocation for 2019 for Coonagh to Knockalisheen route; the date in 2019 the project will commence; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; and if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6888/19]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €39 million allocation for 2019 for the N56 Mountcharles to Inver Road route; the date in 2019 the project will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6889/19]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €26 million allocation for 2019 for the national indoor arena phase 2; the date in Q1 of 2019 it will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6890/19]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €42 million allocation for 2019 for the Listowel bypass; the date in 2019 it will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6891/19]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €18 million allocation for 2019 for a facility (details supplied); the date in 2019 it will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6892/19]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €16 million allocation for 2019 for the velodrome and national badminton centre; the date in 2019 building will commence; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his

officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6893/19]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €7 million allocation for 2019 for Portlaoise southern distributor road; the date in 2019 the project will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6894/19]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €5 million allocation for 2019 for the Laytown to Bettystown link road; the date in 2019 the project will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6895/19]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €4 million allocation for 2019 for the Dingle relief road; the date in 2019 the project will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6896/19]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €150 million allocation for 2019 for the systems integration and support programme; the date in 2019 the existing Leap ticketing system will be extended to debit and credit cards and e-ticketing deployment; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6897/19]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €592 million allocation for 2019 for the M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy motorway; the date in 2019 the project will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6898/19]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of the €385 million allocation for 2019 for the N25 New Ross bypass; the date in 2019 the project will be completed; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6899/19]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the level of training undertaken by driver test examiners nationally; the frequency examiners are retrained in the rules of the road and the way in which to conduct a test; and his plans to put an amnesty in place for older drivers that may not have a full driver licence. — Robert Troy. [6940/19]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Leap cards will be introduced for commuters at stations in south County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6961/19]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of persons awaiting driver test dates by county; the average waiting time; and the longest waiting time in tabular form. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6962/19]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of his engagement on the proposed plans for free inter-rail travel across the EU for students including those over 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6964/19]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider allowing the use of Leap cards on rail and bus services to areas outside of the short hop zone in north County Dublin and County Louth in view of the fact that the short hop fare zone does not extend beyond Balbriggan going north from Dublin city; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Leap cards are accepted on private coach services to these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [6974/19]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding safety measures at Kyle Cross between Enniscorthy and Wexford on the N11; if TII has examined this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [6992/19]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the most recent occasion he formally met a person (details supplied); the issues discussed; and when he will next meet formally with the CEO. — Robert Troy. [6997/19]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to allow consumers that choose to utilise renewable compressed natural gas made from biomass to fuel their vehicle the same benefits as those being extended to electric cars in the interest of encouraging rural transport changes for which range anxiety is a major issue. — Robert Troy. [7001/19]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a sports capital grant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [7035/19]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a TII licence application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7049/19]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the plans the NTA has in place to provide wheelchair accessible buses and infrastructure on the route 64 service Galway to Derry specifically at the Donegal town, Ballyshannon and Sligo stops; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7076/19]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the NTA filled the recently advertised position of transport accessibility manager; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7077/19]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the person or body responsible for the provision of the physical infrastructure at bus stops to accommodate wheelchair users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7078/19]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there is a specific budget for the provision of the physical infrastructure at bus stops to accommodate wheelchair users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7079/19]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding has been committed specifically for the construction of Fintra bridge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7080/19]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which the remit of the transport accessibility manager of the NTA will be achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7081/19]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated final cost for the refurbishment of Tír Chonaill bridge, Donegal town, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7082/19]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the action taken to date to address the severe shortage of car parking spaces at Sallins train station, County Kildare; the progress on the issue to date; when it is expected that substantive action will be taken on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7086/19]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when plans will be advanced to combat the traffic congestion on the M50 route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7087/19]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when an application for grant aid for a swimming pool in north County Kildare is likely to be accepted and supported either through the sports capital programme or otherwise with particular reference to the need to accommodate the growing population in each of the main towns and adjoining in addition to an increasing student population; if negotiations have been advanced in respect of the previous aired project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7088/19]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he can identify options for the promotion of tourism here during the off-season with particular reference to the need to compete with other countries and locations in the same or alternative markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7089/19]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he continues to evaluate the transport system, that is, road and rail, public and private to ensure the development of efficient and effective transport in all areas nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7090/19]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for investment in the rail services over the next five years including extensions to services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7091/19]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he expects to develop facilities at ports and airports in order to enhance access to the European Union and the global community in the aftermath of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7092/19]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he expects the tourism industry to develop in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7093/19]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he plans to meet or exceed expectations in relation to the extension of commuter and intercity rail services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7094/19]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he continues to promote Ireland as a sports event centre with particular reference to encouraging such events here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7095/19]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he 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. [7096/19]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timescale for the provision of vital major road networks nationally in the commuter belt or elsewhere with a view to maximising access, reduction of delays and alleviation of traffic bottlenecks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7097/19]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has formally discussed with his European counterparts the prospect of more direct maritime links between Ireland and continental Europe; if so, the details of these discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [7122/19]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has assessed the capacity of Irish ships to take additional freight, both load on and load off and roll-on roll-off; if so, the details of this assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [7123/19]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the difference in area dimension of the door space on the new bus fleet in operation in Waterford city since December 2018; the width between the driver area and the baggage area on the same buses as opposed to those which have since been removed from service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [7132/19]

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

\*670. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the serious incident review which she and the Minister for Justice and Equality commissioned in 2018 into the handling of alleged incidences of child sexual abuse in the Munster area. — Anne Rabbitte. [6449/19]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will direct Tusla to investigate the case of two children (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [6273/19]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the level of funding for 2017 and 2018, respectively for programmes (details supplied). — Ruth Coppinger. [6313/19]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 516 of 15 May 2018, the progress in providing the same level of insurance through Tusla to foster carers as they had with the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [6394/19]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her officials are engaged with an organisation in relation to a matter (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [6554/19]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the new affordable childcare scheme roll out will be postponed until January 2020 in view of the significant administration requirements faced by childcare providers each September (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6562/19]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of advisers and special advisers employed by her Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of expertise covered by such advisers; the annual salaries associated with same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6565/19]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 236 of 6 December 2018, if a response regarding the number of complaints and or referrals to Tusla made by sports bodies (details supplied) from 2014 to date has been received; the number of complaints and or referrals made regarding sports bodies and or persons working for the sports bodies from 2014 to date; the number of active investigations outstanding and or ongoing concerning the sports bodies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6627/19]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of boards or agencies her officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of staff being appointed to boards or agencies; if so, when same was last updated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6640/19]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of social workers allocated to the Ballymun area by type of service provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [6666/19]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the serious incident review which she commissioned in 2018 into the handling of alleged incidences of child sexual abuse in the Munster area. — Anne Rabbitte. [6768/19]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if financial support is provided in County Donegal to foster parents for those in care on reaching 18 years of age that continue to be cared for into adulthood and require mental health and disability services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6934/19]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there are sufficient private residential services to meet the demand required by Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6965/19]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason a person (details supplied) has not received correspondence from Tusla or the education welfare office. — Niamh Smyth. [7103/19]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the expenditure and allocations attributable to drugs programmes that were made available in each of the past five years; the projects and programmes supported by the funding in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7112/19]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will address matters (details supplied) in relation to childcare centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7127/19]

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

\*686. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to keep areas in County Cork that are due to move under the control of Cork City Council within his remit for funding programmes such as tidy towns and community development. — Sean Sherlock. [6308/19]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there is a review taking place of the community support programme; when the review will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [6330/19]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the standards required to be implemented by community groups that publish community newsletters and newspapers in receipt of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [6403/19]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of advisers and special advisers employed by his Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of expertise covered by such advisers; the annual salaries associated with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6577/19]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of boards or agencies his officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of staff being appointed to boards or agencies; if so, when same was last updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6652/19]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the breakdown of the €315 million allocation for 2019 for the rural regeneration and development fund; the date in 2019 the fund will roll out; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children’s hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6917/19]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the expenditure and allocations attributable to drugs programmes that were made available in each of the past five years; the projects and programmes supported by the funding in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7115/19]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when measure 2 of the outdoor recreation scheme will become open for applications; if the request of a walk group (details supplied) will be considered for funding when an application is made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [7129/19]

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

\*694. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if moneys will be lodged directly to the bank account of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [6237/19]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied). — Tom Neville. [6239/19]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 277 of 24 January 2019, if the telephone support allowance is only available to pensioners that qualify for the fuel and the living alone allowances; if so, the reason such an allowance is not available to couples that otherwise would receive this based on a means test; the estimated cost to extend same to pensioners that qualify for the fuel allowance but that do not live alone; and her plans to extend the allowance in the coming period. — Bríd Smith. [6241/19]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding an appeal for a domiciliary care allowance by a person (details supplied) in County Kildare. — Sean Sherlock. [6251/19]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on whether the value of community not-for-profit employment services must be protected in a reconfiguration of public employment services in 2020. — Billy Kelleher. [6258/19]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for a one parent family payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6277/19]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the negotiations taking place with representatives of community employment supervisors in relation to pension rights that may resolve the issues before strike action occurs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6296/19]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration will be given to simplifying the process of pension recalculation (details supplied). — Martin Ferris. [6337/19]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [6342/19]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a carer's benefit by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6344/19]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6345/19]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status an application for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [6358/19]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a claim for a disability allowance now under appeal will be expedited and approved in the case of a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [6397/19]



\*707. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if supervisors and assistant supervisors of community employment schemes can transfer to another scheme operated by a different sponsoring organisation when a scheme closes; if they must be made redundant before taking up a new position; if the entitlements they have built up in their time on the initial scheme will be honoured by the second employers if they transfer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [6414/19]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if pension entitlements in the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed under the total contributions approach and home caring periods; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6436/19]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that availed of dental benefit through the treatment benefit scheme in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [6451/19]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that availed of optical benefit through the treatment benefit scheme in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [6452/19]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that availed of aural benefit through the treatment benefit scheme in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [6453/19]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons eligible for dental benefit through the treatment benefit scheme in 2018; the percentage of eligible persons that availed of the scheme in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [6454/19]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the decision to refuse a carer's support grant in the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if the appeal can be expedited in view of new medical evidence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6485/19]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of working hours allowable for a person to qualify for carer's allowance and or benefit in 2003; the changes to the working hours allowable in the period up to 2018 of each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6493/19]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the carer's respite grant is means tested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6494/19]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed. — Niamh Smyth. [6502/19]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a refusal to grant a disability allowance to a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6541/19]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of advisers and special advisers employed by her Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of

expertise covered by such advisers; the annual salaries associated with same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6570/19]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the eligibility for a disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6586/19]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the details of recent media reports that Ireland is seeking an opt out from proposals for an EU regulation regarding national ID cards and biometrics; the reason Ireland is seeking to opt out of measures at EU level which mirror measures being introduced at the national level with respect to the public services card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [6621/19]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of boards or agencies her officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of staff being appointed to boards or agencies; if so, when same was last updated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6645/19]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in Dublin 11 will receive their payments that they are owed without further delay. — Róisín Shortall. [6664/19]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 1113 of 15 January 2019, the steps she will take to reduce the number of incorrect decisions made by deciding officers when examining carer’s allowance, disability allowance and domiciliary care allowance applications which necessitate appeals and prolong financial hardship for vulnerable applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [6665/19]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the benefits available to a person that becomes unemployed and that had been paying class S PRSI; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [6731/19]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps a person should take that does not qualify for a social welfare payment due to their spouse’s earnings although they are estranged but compelled to live under the same roof due to the housing crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6749/19]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); when a decision will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6772/19]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if assistance will be offered to a person (details supplied) in relation to a carer’s allowance review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [6806/19]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6814/19]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on an invalidity pension appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6815/19]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6817/19]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6819/19]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6820/19]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied): when a decision is likely; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6821/19]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will receive illness benefit payments on a weekly basis at the full rate in view of the fact they are receiving sporadic payments at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [6831/19]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the social welfare payment a person (details supplied) is eligible to receive. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [6837/19]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to allow those that have reached 65 years of age and are retired to apply for the full State pension; the cost of such a reform; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6935/19]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason compensation payments awarded to persons as a result of medical negligence in the circumstances of birth here are taken into account when assessing means for entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [6946/19]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if all required documentation has been received by the relevant section of her Department in respect of a carer's allowance review in the case of a person (details supplied); the information outstanding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6952/19]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if additional resources will be provided to reduce the three month delay in sending carer's allowance appeals to the independent Social Welfare Appeals Office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6954/19]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the entitlements persons (details supplied) under EU regulations are entitled to in relation to optical and dental benefits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [7032/19]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason October 1946 was chosen as the cut off date for those affected by pension anomalies since the changes in legislation in 2012; her plans on making changes to this date; if she will consider inclusion of those born prior to this date whose pensions were affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [7033/19]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the appeal by a person (details supplied) to the WRC has now been submitted correctly; if the case will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [7098/19]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that engaged with JobPath and secured full-time employment which lasted for less than 3, 6 and 9 months and less than one year, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7109/19]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will be informed of the decision of an oral hearing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [7141/19]

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

\*745. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the need to bring forward new guidelines on windfarms will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6367/19]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the agency responsible for auditing the financial accounts of Irish Water on an annual basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6238/19]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of the new affordable home purchasing scheme (details supplied) being introduced; the qualifying criteria to be eligible for the scheme; when the scheme will be open to applicants; the way in which potential house buyers can apply for the scheme; if it is only open to first time buyers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [6245/19]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if improvements will be introduced to the tenant purchase scheme to enable Part V tenants that are in a financial position to purchase their homes participate in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [6262/19]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the new guidelines governing wind turbines will be published in view of the fact that the current wind energy guidelines were issued in 2006; the reason for the delay in publishing the new guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [6269/19]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on whether it is appropriate for planning to be lodged with local authorities or An Bord Pleanála for large-scale wind farms in cases in which the height of the turbines far exceeds the approved height in the 2006 wind energy guidelines until such time as the new guidelines are published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [6270/19]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to State-backed housing projects which have been delayed due to the sale of the loans of the contractor to vulture funds; if so, the projects, such as in the case of a company (details supplied); his plans to intervene to ensure the timely completion of such projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6433/19]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if Part V housing output for 2018 by local authority will be provided. — Róisín Shortall. [6443/19]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of advisers and special advisers employed by his Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of expertise covered by such advisers; the annual salaries associated with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6574/19]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 631 of 27 November 2018, the date on which a commencement notice will issue for the project; if his attention has been drawn to a significant delay in commencing the project in respect of the provision of four units; if his officials have met with the local authority in the context of its regular quarterly meetings; the issues that were raised and or discussed at the meeting; the status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [6580/19]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the actions he has taken to remedy the five grounds of the European Social Charter violated by Ireland in terms of the provision of Traveller accommodation highlighted by the European Committee of Social Rights in May 2016; and his views on the recent monitoring report by the committee published on 23 January 2019 that found that Ireland has failed to redress the violations and is still out of conformity with the Charter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [6628/19]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of boards or agencies his officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of staff being appointed to boards or agencies; if so, when same was last updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6649/19]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the eligibility criteria for applications to the urban regeneration and development fund for the development of community arts centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [6662/19]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position in relation to an existing tenant renting in the private sector that becomes eligible for housing assistance payment in the course of their tenancy; the obligations on the landlord in that situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [6663/19]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of new social and affordable homes constructed in the Dublin 1, 7 and 11 areas (details supplied) in the past five years in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [6832/19]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of new social and affordable homes that will be constructed in the Dublin 1, 7 and 11 areas (details supplied) over the next five years in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [6833/19]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the methodology used in the calculation of commercial rates will be examined (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6836/19]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if an applicant can be granted a mortgage to cover 100% of construction costs on a self-build home under the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; the rules and criteria regarding the 10% deposit in this instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [6839/19]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the breakdown of the €188 million allocation for 2019 for a project (details supplied); the date in 2019 the programme will be approved; when construction will commence in 2019; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6875/19]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of the €100 million capital allocation to the urban regeneration and development fund; the date in 2019 the fund will roll out; if it will be impacted by the cost overrun with the national children's hospital; if he or his officials have been consulted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6876/19]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if matters in relation to the Local Government (Rates) Bill 2018 (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7005/19]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 589 of 29 January 2019, if all applicants have received correspondence; if not, if the applicants (details supplied) will be contacted as matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [7010/19]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address matters (details supplied) in relation to commercial rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7128/19]

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

\*768. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funds available for the further development of talented young musicians; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [6966/19]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the entitlement of a person (details supplied) under the cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme can be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6280/19]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding spent by Waterways Ireland on canal clearing ensuring navigation is retained effectively each year for the past five years; and the parts of the canal navigation system on which it was spent. — Brian Stanley. [6320/19]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of times Waterways Ireland conducted clearing in the Grand Canal through County Offaly to ensure open navigation per annum in the past five years. — Brian Stanley. [6321/19]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will engage with the HSE to provide conservation led improvements to a burial ground (details supplied), carry out a study of its historic importance and to ascertain the persons buried there. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [6517/19]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the assistance available to a church (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [6518/19]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of advisers and special advisers employed by her Department in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; the areas of expertise covered by such advisers; the annual salaries associated with same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [6567/19]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of boards or agencies her officials have been appointed to; if there are guidelines or protocols for members of staff being appointed to boards or agencies; if so, when same was last updated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6642/19]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of district conservation officers, wildlife inspectors, conservation rangers and ecologists recruited by her Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [6778/19]

\*777. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta cén stádas atá ag an gconradh le haghaidh seirbhís farantóireachta gasta, atá le riaradh idir Toraigh agus an tír mór; cén dáta a rachaidh an conradh reatha in éag; cathain a bhronnfar conradh úr; an dtig léi sonraí a thabhairt faoin chonradh seo, mar shampla cén dáta a thosóidh an tseirbhís nua seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pearse Doherty. [6918/19]

\*778. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil sé i gceist aici maoiniú a sholáthar d'oileáin Dhún na nGall le haghaidh bóithre poiblí ar na hoileáin éagsúla; an ndeimhneoidh sí go bhfuil leithroinnt leagtha amach i mbuiséad na Roinne i mbliana dó sin, agus an mbeidh leithroinnt bhreise ar fáil do na hoileáin i mbuiséad na bliana seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [6919/19]

\*779. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta cad iad na pleananna atá aici chun Scéim na mBóithre Áise a chur ar bun athuair, chun freastal ar thithe agus bóithre feirme i gceantair Ghaeltachta ar fud na tíre (sonraí tugtha); agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [6920/19]

\*780. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta cad iad na pleananna atá aici chun scéim deontais bóithre straitéiseacha a chur ar bun sa Ghaeltacht, le slí rochtana a chur ar fáil ar fud na Gaeltachta agus ar fud na tíre, ag cur i gcuntas go bhféadfaí, leis an airgead nár caitheadh sna buiséid éagsúla atá faoina cúram, maoiniú a chinntiú do scéim dá leithéid; cén uair a bhféadfadh a leithéid de scéim a bheith ag feidhmiú; an mbeadh sí sásta dá gcuirfí plean ilbhliantúil ar bun chun déileáil leis an easpa tograí bonneagair i gceantair Ghaeltachta ó cuireadh an scéim ar fionraí sa bhliain 2010; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [6921/19]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when the film forum will meet; and the stakeholders that will be invited to participate. — Mary Lou McDonald. [6941/19]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the amount spent on public relations services in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 1 January 2018 and to date in 2019 in her Department and agencies under her remit by amount, service provider and reason for incurring cost in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [7142/19]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADAÓIN, 13 FEABHRA, 2019  
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY, 2019**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the affordable childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6967/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the lack of consistency that exists in terms of children in foster care receiving aftercare plans and aftercare workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7063/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if burial sites allied to former institutions are being examined for the purposes of further investigations and possible excavations. — Sean Sherlock. [7071/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on whether existent levels of capital funding for childcare providers are sufficient; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7065/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will target funding from the upcoming 2019 early years and school age capital programme for north west areas of County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7043/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she has considered the request by some survivors of the Tuam Mother and Baby Home to collect DNA from survivors and their relatives in order to ensure that as many human remains as possible can be identified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [6780/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of inspectors available to conduct inspections in naíonraí and the various early years centres operating through the medium of Irish outside and inside the Gaeltacht; if the inspections are conducted through Irish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7059/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will publish the report on Oberstown Children's Detention Campus. — Sean Sherlock. [7069/19]



9. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is satisfied with the way in which section 13 of the Child Care Act 1991 is carried out by Tusla officials; and her views on whether the policy is in need of review in view of some exceptional cases. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [7028/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she has been notified by the board of Oberstown Children’s Detention Campus that it is seeking legal advice in relation to the latest report of the Ombudsman for Children into incidents at the campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [6988/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason for the extension of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes; if this will be the final extension to the investigation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6984/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the appearance of persons (details supplied) at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Children and Youth Affairs on 30 January 2019 and their comments that they had discussed broader policy matters with her in view of her statements that one of the reasons that their report was not published was that they had strayed into such areas beyond the terms of reference of their review. — Clare Daly. [6989/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when the affordable childcare scheme will be operational. — Sean Sherlock. [7070/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding provided in 2018 towards the provision of new or upgraded childcare places; the financial provision for such developments in 2019; the number of childcare places that will be supported with such funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [6994/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the measures she is taking to address the recruitment and retention issues in Tusla in cases in which qualified staff are taking agency roles in place of taking full-time contracts with Tusla; the number of unfilled vacant posts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [6783/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason the report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes has not been published. — Sean Sherlock. [7073/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will consider putting steps in place following the 2018 evaluation of the ABC programme to develop this programme in other disadvantaged communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [6949/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the affordable childcare schemes available to low and middle income families; the status of the new affordable childcare scheme that was first announced in 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6985/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the necessary funding will be secured to ensure that vulnerable families are not left without a service (details supplied) in view of the prospect of the closure of the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6983/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children in residential care including fosterage and State owned centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7075/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the ongoing engagement she has with an organisation (details supplied) in respect of governance and child protection matters; and if she is in receipt of reports from the organisation. — Sean Sherlock. [7068/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to increase the level of maximum grant aid towards the provision of new or upgraded childcare facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [6995/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the preparations she has made for children in care orders in the UK in the event of a no-deal Brexit; her views on whether there will be difficulties in general with care orders when the UK withdraws from the EU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [7029/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way in which she will ensure that services will be able to offer the affordable childcare scheme and provide sufficient childcare places if they are being penalised should parents not take up the full amount of hours requested on a weekly basis and thus their sustainability is brought into question; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [7072/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the implementation of the affordable childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7067/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the actions and timelines for implementation of actions undertaken pursuant to the conclusions of the Charleton report in relation to Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7144/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the considerable implications that the new after school care regulations will have for schools and childcare providers; and her views on whether sufficient consultation was conducted with the affected groups. — Anne Rabbitte. [7066/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to a new campaign (details supplied) by an organisation and its five key demands in relation to food poverty, health, exclusion, education and housing; the way in which she plans to respond to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6986/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of refuge spaces for abuse victims here; the level of funding for the services; if additional funding or resourcing is required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [6781/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to disability proof the policies of her Department in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [6746/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7064/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of child protection and welfare concerns reported via the web portal child protection and welfare report form on a monthly basis since the operation of the web portal; the number of these reports assigned to social workers; the number of reports that have been investigated; the number awaiting allocation of a social worker and or investigation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [6782/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is satisfied that all family resource centres are adequately funded in the most disadvantaged communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [6948/19]