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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]

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

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

4. 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]

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

6. 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]

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

8. 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]

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

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

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

17. 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]

18. 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]

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

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

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

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

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he has met church leaders recently. — Micheál Martin. [5680/19]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meetings with Church leaders. — Brendan Howlin. [6510/19]

27. 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]

28. 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 Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige: To the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs.

29. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the implications 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. [7238/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is satisfied that robust systems are in place within Tusla to ensure child protection concerns are dealt with appropriately and suspected abuse is notified to An Garda Síochána in a timely manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [6784/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the implementation of the affordable childcare scheme. — Anne Rabbitte. [7239/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the fact that there are no assurances of the necessary funding which makes it likely that a service (details supplied) will have to close by April 2019 with the loss of six jobs and numerous clients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7149/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 27 of 13 December 2018, when the report of the review panel which commenced on 16 May 2016 in relation to the care of three children in a foster home in County Galway will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6745/19]

**CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when the affordable childcare scheme will be operational. — Sean Sherlock. [7070/19]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*67. To ask the Taoiseach the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7185/19]

*68. To ask the Taoiseach the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7202/19]

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

*69. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7175/19]

*70. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7192/19]

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

*71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Irish Aid checked observer profiles held by the EU and the OSCE in the context of the recent election observation competition; the way in which and the number of the applicants selected for the new roster have had observations validated by the EU or the OSCE; the number of observers with five or more missions on their profiles that were not selected for the new roster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7157/19]

*72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7179/19]

*73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7196/19]

*74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to reports that the Indonesian armed forces have been accused of deploying chemical weapons suspected to be white phosphorus banned under international law in West Papua (details supplied); if he will request that the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons investigate the issue as a matter of priority; and if he will raise the issue with his Indonesian counterpart. — Seán Crowe. [7294/19]

*75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the outcome of his recent discussions with authorities and members of the Senate and House of Representatives in the United States of America in relation to Brexit issues and immigration reform with particular reference to the undocumented Irish and the possibility of progressing the E3 visa programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7387/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*76. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he will take to accelerate the insurance reform programme in view of the significant damage that spiralling insurance costs are having for community groups, voluntary organisations, charities and small business; the reason such perceived exorbitant premiums are being sought; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [7383/19]

*77. To ask the Minister for Finance if hangers at Dublin Airport leased by private persons and or companies are inspected by authorised officers and or the Revenue Commissioners enforcement staff; if the content on board the aircraft in these hangers are eligible for self-clearance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7234/19]

*78. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7178/19]

*79. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7195/19]

*80. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of cash seized from persons exiting and entering the State by Revenue Commissioners enforcement officers at Dublin Airport in the past ten years; the amount of cash returned to persons on appeal to the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7287/19]

*81. To ask the Minister for Finance if information requested in correspondence (details supplied) will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7379/19]

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

*82. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has sent communication from his Department in recent months requesting the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to make budgetary savings in order to provide extra funding for the overspend in the national children's hospital; and if so, if the correspondence will be published. — Alan Kelly. [7301/19]

*83. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7183/19]

*84. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7200/19]

*85. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his attention has been drawn to cost overruns on public infrastructure projects; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7289/19]

*86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress made to date in terms of appointments from the panels of competitions held for clerical officer in the Civil Service in 2018; when persons that have participated in the stage 3 of the selection process and that are well placed in the panels for appointment on the counties Longford and Westmeath panels are likely to be reached in 2019; the number of persons recruited from these competitions in counties Longford or Westmeath to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [7382/19]

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

*87. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7159/19]

*88. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in relation to a planned new primary school (details supplied) in County Cork; the patronage for the school; when he expects it to open; the location in which the permanent school building will be located; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7160/19]

*89. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a matter (details supplied) in relation to a school amalgamation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7161/19]

*90. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7176/19]

*91. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7193/19]

*92. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 89 of 6 February 2019, the cost of the renovation and the rate of rent that will be paid for the temporary school. — Clare Daly. [7220/19]

*93. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna an bhfuarthas iarratas le haghaidh cóiríocht scoile bhreise ó scoil (sonraí tugtha) i gContae Dhún na nGall; an aithníonn sé go bhfuil géarghá leis an tionscadal seo a thógáil ar shuíomh na scoile chun freastal ar a gcuid riachtanas; cathain a ndéanfar cinneadh ina leith; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pearse Doherty. [7235/19]

*94. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when he will end pay inequality among teachers. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7236/19]

*95. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a copy of a lease (details supplied) can be retrieved from the archives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [7237/19]

*96. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the potential funding streams that assist young students of music to travel to United States of America to engage in workshops and programmes in order to develop their talents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [7302/19]

*97. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there will be no changes to the structure or layout of a former military installation (details supplied) pending resolution of the terms of the British exit from the European Union and a full appraisal of the security requirements of the Army and An Garda Síochána in the Border region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7386/19]

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

*98. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7182/19]

*99. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7199/19]

*100. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason persons (details supplied) in County Mayo are being refused citizenship; his views on whether there is a discrepancy in the way the INIS is applying the rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [7210/19]

*101. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application for residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7225/19]

*102. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he is satisfied with the time taken to process visitor visas for persons coming here for business reasons; the average expected time between receipt of the application and decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [7227/19]

*103. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the consideration given to the effect of the non-application post-Brexit of Regulation 2201/2003 to recognition of divorces and child abduction cases involving the UK and Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [7233/19]

*104. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 109, 110 and 111 of 7 November 2018, if all direct provision centres are complying with his instructions as set out in the response that they should provide feminine hygiene products to residents; the way in which this instruction has been communicated; and the follow-up work carried out to ensure that each direct provision centre is in compliance. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7269/19]

*105. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an application for citizenship and supporting documentation including original passport, birth certificate and public services card in the case of a person (details supplied) which was sent on 12 December 2018 has been received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7286/19]

*106. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the legislative and operational measures undertaken to establish an advance passenger information system. — Lisa Chambers. [7318/19]

*107. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an advance passenger information system has been put in place; and the number of cases detected and notified to date to the relevant authorities of other countries and international organisations. — Lisa Chambers. [7320/19]

*108. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an advance passenger information system has not yet been put into place; the reason therefor; and the way in which and when he plans to make it operational. — Lisa Chambers. [7322/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the legislative and operational measures undertaken to develop Ireland's capability to collect, process and analyse passenger name record data with full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for the purpose of preventing, detecting and investigating terrorist offences and related travel and to share such data with other relevant states. — Lisa Chambers. [7326/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the challenges faced in setting capacity to collect, process and analyse passenger name record data. — Lisa Chambers. [7328/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the legislative and operational measures he has undertaken to develop and implement systems to collect biometric data to responsibly identify terrorists. — Lisa Chambers. [7332/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the challenges being faced in setting capacity to collect biometric data to responsibly identify terrorists. — Lisa Chambers. [7334/19]

*113. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he is sharing biometric data relating to terrorist activities with other relevant states, Interpol and other relevant international bodies. — Lisa Chambers. [7336/19]

*114. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which he is ensuring that the collection and exchange of biometric data is carried out in compliance with domestic and international human rights law. — Lisa Chambers. [7338/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the commencement of the remaining parts of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [7376/19]

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

*116. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7171/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7188/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*118. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims made to the primary care reimbursement service of the Health Service Executive under the drug payment scheme for children between 0 and 15 years of age for adrenalin autoinjectors in each of the years 2010 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7162/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Health the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7180/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7197/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive urgent surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [7204/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [7205/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 1,800 members of the National Ambulance Service availing of the mechanism to have union deductions taken by the NAS payroll; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7213/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Health the number of members of the National Ambulance Service that were having deductions taken for union membership (details supplied) on the date in question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7214/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 1,800 National Ambulance Staff directly involved with patients; the number in an administrative role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7215/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being taken to remove a false HSE website disseminating false information on abortion services; his plans to protect the dissemination of information on abortion services in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7219/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7221/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review and schedule an occupational therapy appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7222/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Eugene Murphy. [7224/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health if the €50 million that has to be provided from the 2019 budget of his Department in relation to the cost of the national children's hospital will not delay a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [7228/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a procedure in place for availing of a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [7232/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for an operation in the case of a person (details supplied); the timeframe for pre-assessment; the position of the person on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7245/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health the organisations in County Wexford that received HSE funding for the provision of talk therapies such as counselling and or psychotherapy services in 2018; and the funding provided to each organisation. — Mick Wallace. [7246/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health the number of counsellors at grade code 391T employed by CAMHS in each CHO. — Mick Wallace. [7256/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health the number of counsellors at grade code 391T employed by CAMHS in County Wexford. — Mick Wallace. [7257/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health the number of counselling psychologists at grade code 3691 employed by the HSE in each CHO. — Mick Wallace. [7258/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health the number of counselling psychologists grade code 3691 employed by the HSE in County Wexford. — Mick Wallace. [7259/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); if there is a timeframe for pre-assessment; the place of the person on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7260/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on a medical card application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7273/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a location (details supplied); the provisions being made for the graveyard on the site; if it will be part of the sale in progress; if the site will be preserved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7291/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health when the new surgical block of Sligo Regional Hospital at Sligo University Hospital will proceed to stage 2B design and the planning application stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [7296/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual running costs of the national children's hospital. — Clare Daly. [7297/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision to deny a person (details supplied) a primary medical certificate will be reviewed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [7304/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 338 of 4 December 2018, when a reply will issue from the HSE. — Mick Barry. [7305/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to persons with type 1 diabetes over 21 years of age being granted a FreeStyle Libre monitoring machine; when persons with type 1 diabetics over 21 years of age will be allowed the same choices as those under 21 years of age (details supplied); and the price difference between the use of FreeStyle Libre and other devices for which blood test strips are required. — Pat Deering. [7308/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an assessment of need following a complaint raised with the HSE. — Sean Sherlock. [7313/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health if the risk registers from the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board for 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, respectively will be published. — Alan Kelly. [7373/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health if the board minutes of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board from 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, respectively will be published. — Alan Kelly. [7374/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which a person can access information (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [7375/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [7378/19]

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

*151. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to change the rate of premium payments for afforestation to ensure that full-time farmers receive a higher rate of payment than persons that are not dependant on farming for an income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7158/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7170/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7187/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans he will present to the EU Commission in regard to the need to introduce a package of market supports and direct aid for farmers in view of the difficulties arising from poor prices for livestock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7206/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the additional measures he plans to introduce to enable growth in the live export trade in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7207/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans he will present to the EU Agriculture Commissioner and the EU Trade Commissioner in relation to the need to protect farming interests here regarding negotiations concerning a proposed Mercosur trade deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7208/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will lay before the Houses of the Oireachtas a paper on the application of genomics in the beef data and genomics programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7280/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an organisation (details supplied) is using the base year 2014 for improvements associated with the beef data and genomics programme; his views on whether it is appropriate to use it as the base year in view of the fact that the data for that year was skewed as a result of the fodder crisis in 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7281/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the national average beef calving statistic for calving intervals in each of the years 2008 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7283/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the national average beef calves per cow statistic in each of the years 2008 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7284/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average national carcass weight and confirmation scores for beef on beef in each of the years 2008 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7285/19]

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

*162. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will address the perceived poor to non-existent phone coverage and broadband service in a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [7163/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the provision of broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7164/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the British Government is reportedly investigating the possibility of installing a radioactive waste facility in Newry, County Down and the surrounding area of the Mourne Mountains; the steps he is taking to prevent same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7167/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the British Government is reportedly investigating the possibility of installing a radioactive waste facility at sites (details supplied) in Northern Ireland; the steps he is taking to prevent same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7168/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7173/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7190/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there are climate change experts in his Department. — Micheál Martin. [7056/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the national broadband plan Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [7261/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the documents he plans to publish upon the awarding of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [7262/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated workforce required to roll out the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [7263/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to publish a map of broadband coverage blackspots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [7264/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a deadline for the provision of high speed broadband in dark blue areas of the National Broadband Plan has been put in place; if this was in place in the past; the rationale if there is no deadline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [7265/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeframe for the introduction of the bin charge waiver as announced in Budget 2017 for households that have to dispose of incontinence wear; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [7295/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the reports that Newry has been earmarked as one of a number sites that is being considered for the disposal of nuclear waste as outlined in the British Government white paper; the consultation that has taken place between local authorities in Northern Ireland and County Louth on the matter; if consultation has taken place with the British Government in respect of the proposal; the steps he will take to ensure this will not take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7307/19]

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

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7186/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7203/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 211 of 23 January 2019, the amount collected by TII road tolls and PPP toll road concessions operators in respect of money retained and or not collected by customers and or excess payments in the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7217/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of aircraft hanger spaces at Dublin Airport leased by private persons and or companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7234/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of meetings held by the board of the National Transport Authority in 2018; and the attendees of each meeting. — Robert Troy. [7248/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount paid to each member of the board of the NTA for their service as a board member in 2018. — Robert Troy. [7249/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of meetings held by the board of TII in 2018; and the attendees of each meeting. — Robert Troy. [7250/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount paid to each member of the board of TII for service as a board member in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [7251/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of meetings held by the board of Sport Ireland in 2018; and the attendees of each meeting. — Robert Troy. [7252/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount paid to each member of the board of Sport Ireland for service as a board member in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [7253/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of meetings held by the board of Fáilte Ireland in 2018; and the attendees of each meeting. — Robert Troy. [7254/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount paid to each member of the board of Fáilte Ireland for service as a board member in 2018. — Robert Troy. [7255/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the fund expended and the purpose in this regard on the Slane bypass project since planning permission was refused in 2012. — Thomas Byrne. [7268/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the local and regional roads funding allocated to each local authority in 2018 and to date in 2019; and the length of local and regional roads in each local authority area in tabular form. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7298/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress that has been made on action 251 of the Action Plan for Rural Development (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [7309/19]

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

*191. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige an líon cigirí atá ar fáil chun cigireacht a dhéanamh ar naíonraí agus aonaid eagsula luathbhlianta atá ag feidhmiú trí ghaolinn taobh istigh is taobh amuigh den Ghaeltacht; agus an ndéantar an cigireacht trí ghaolinn. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7044/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the exemptions or fastrack to FETAC 5 available to persons with various teaching qualifications and over 20 years of experience with early childhood education and management; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7166/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7172/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7189/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the organisations in County Wexford that received psychotherapy and counselling funding from Tusla in 2018; and the amount of funding provided to each organisation. — Mick Wallace. [7292/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which the number of children at risk can be identified and have their issues addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7388/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which adequate resources are available to address the physical, mental or psychological problems facing children deemed to be at risk; if she has available to her adequate personnel to address these issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7389/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she remains in contact and dialogue with the various children's organisations with a view to meeting their concerns on an ongoing basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7390/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she has available to her the necessary expertise, staffing levels and resources available to her to address issues facing children now and likely to affect them in the future based on research available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7391/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she and bodies under the aegis of her Department are adequately placed and financed to address issues of self-harm in children; the most commonly identified causes that have been established; the extent to which she can address these issues in the short and medium-term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7392/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she will take either directly or in cooperation with other Departments to address the issues affecting children at risk; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7393/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of at risk children whose situation was brought to the attention of her Department in the past twelve months; the extent to which she was able to respond to their needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7394/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she remains in contact with local youth organisations nationally with a view to identifying issues of concern and providing a resolution thereto; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7395/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if issues relating to the mother and baby homes are near a resolution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7396/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the position in relation to occupants of the various mother and baby homes including the Magdalene laundries, Bethany homes and others; if compensation has been paid is pending or otherwise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7397/19]

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

*206. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the person or body that has responsibility in managing the internment of a person that dies with no assets and no family; the person or body responsible for paying the expenses of the internment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7240/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7184/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7201/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when an application for aid pursuant to the urban and rural development fund from Westmeath County Council in respect of a project at Kinnegad, County Westmeath will be finalised; when a decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [7384/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when an application for aid pursuant to the urban and rural development fund from Westmeath County Council in respect of a project at Castlepollard, County Westmeath will be finalised; when a decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [7385/19]

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

*211. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7177/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7194/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; the current processing times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7226/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the civil registration Bill will be introduced. — Mary Lou McDonald. [7241/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a jobseeker's allowance in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7271/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) in County Sligo will receive a decision in relation to their application for a family income supplement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [7290/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the anomaly in respect of the age at which drawdown of pensions (details supplied) occurs will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7293/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount spent on a system (details supplied) in relation to the website of her Department. — Sean Sherlock. [7314/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if there is provision to provide financial assistance to a family under the supplementary welfare allowance, rent allowance scheme or other schemes to cover the cost of accommodation in cases in which the family has been refused access to the housing waiting list by virtue of having no fixed abode; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7316/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the revision of the case of a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7372/19]

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

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if consideration has been given to reviewing sections 43 and 54 of the Water Services Act 2007 in view of the consequence for householders that experience sewage blockages reported under properties belonging to other persons but which result in sewage problems on their property; his plans to introduce a scheme which would ensure that Irish Water would take the necessary action to clear such blockages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7212/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7181/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7198/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 596 of 29 January 2019, if he will make a request to the Commissioner regarding the methodology in use and question the appropriateness of the methodology used in regard to achieving the objectives of the revaluation as per his legislative powers under the Valuation Act 2001 in which the Commissioner shall furnish to him such information regarding the performance of its functions as he may request. — Eamon Scanlon. [7247/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of tree preservation orders in effect per annum from 2011 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [7288/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the grant or funding supports available to replace windows and doors in an older homes in which the residence is

privately owned and the owners are not in receipt of social welfare payments to make the home more energy efficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7311/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the housing support available to a family refused a place on a local authority housing waiting list on the basis they have no fixed abode; if there is an obligation on local authorities to accept applicants for a housing waiting list in cases in which they are permanently resident in their functional area but do not have a fixed abode and that otherwise qualify for housing support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7315/19]

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

*228. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she is preparing a new policy on architecture in view of the fact that the previous policy was dated 2009 to 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7169/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of reports commissioned from firms (details supplied) in 2018; the firm which completed each report; and the cost of each report. — Clare Daly. [7174/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of consultants from firms (details supplied) contracted to perform work in 2018; and the amount spent on consultants from each firm. — Clare Daly. [7191/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of sites in County Cork being considered for SAC status; the level of protection these sites will have while they are under consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7211/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the position regarding the managing and administration of permits for farmers to carry out works in designated SAC areas; the authority managing same; if it has been devolved to the local authorities, when this transfer was made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [7272/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the potential funding streams that assist young students of music to travel to United States of America to engage in workshops and programmes in order to develop their talents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [7303/19]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 2019**

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

1. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to establishing another review on the sustainability of corporation tax receipts along the lines of the Coffey review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7370/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking and the progress made in establishing a mechanism that would allow and facilitate funds from an organisation (details supplied) be invested in social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7150/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Finance if the report on the analysis of the impact the increase in betting tax to date will be accelerated in view of the reported impact this measure is having on the sector. — Robert Troy. [7339/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Finance the additional measures he plans to implement to counteract cross-Border smuggling and illicit trade in fuel, tobacco and drink products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7242/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Finance if a progress report will be provided in relation to his plans to ensure that the requirement to provide quality employment and training as a condition for receiving section 481 tax relief will be met by the film producers receiving the relief and in particular his acknowledgement that compliance with this condition should require as a minimum compliance with the legal protections for workers; the sanctions or penalties which will be imposed on recipients of or applicants for the tax credits that breach the rights of workers or that fail to provide required quality employment or training; if the penalties will include immediate disqualification from entitlement to the section 481 relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7278/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Finance when the working group on the cost of insurance will complete its work. — Jonathan O'Brien. [7353/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Finance when he plans to implement additional recommendations of the insurance working group; if his attention has been drawn to the concerns in many sectors in relation to increased insurance costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7243/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Finance if a move away from unanimity on tax matters at EU level will be opposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [7310/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Finance the discussions he has had with the EU member states and the European Commission in respect of proposals on the development of a digital tax; if he has been consulted by EU member states on digital tax proposals; his assessment of the impact of such a tax on Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [7362/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to use the surplus of NAMA to invest in the real economy including social and affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7342/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which the Revenue Commissioners will ensure the integrity of the single market while also ensuring there is no hard Border in the event of a hard Brexit. — Pearse Doherty. [7344/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the analysis carried out in relation to the treatment of policyholders in the aftermath of Storms Emma and Ophelia; the number of policyholders impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7368/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures that have been taken to meet and engage with insurance companies here regarding excessive premiums being charged to consumers particularly in counties Cavan and Monaghan. — Niamh Smyth. [7275/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Finance the key areas administered by his Department in which emergency legislation may be necessary in the event of a no-deal Brexit; if such legislation has been prepared and is ready to be presented to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7154/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which he plans to resolve the issues raised by unmarried persons regarding the perceived unfairness of the inheritance tax system by which there is an overarching emphasis placed on marriage and persons that are not married placed at a disadvantage. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [7357/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he has taken to date and plans to take in preparation for post-Brexit customs checks at ports here, specifically Rosslare Europort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7267/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Finance if the National Surplus Reserve Fund will be used to fund cost overruns at the national children’s hospital. — Clare Daly. [7350/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Finance the response issued to the November 2018 Fiscal Assessment Report by the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council; if he and his officials have met the Council to discuss its critique of his fiscal stance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7153/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans for carbon taxation; if the fee and dividend approach recently outlined recently is the preferred option for these taxes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7152/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Finance the most recent figures available for tax payments which are six months and one year in arrears; the highest amount in arrears for each tax heading; the amount of taxes outstanding as of 31 January 2019; and the amount he deems to be unrecoverable. — Joan Burton. [7364/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will request the Revenue Commissioners to protect the flat rate expenses for lower paid workers such as shop assistants due to cease in 2020. — Maurice Quinlivan. [7277/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the help to buy scheme for properties bought after 2019; and the cost of the scheme to date. — Pearse Doherty. [7343/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the call by the EU Commission for the Government’s views on the streamlining of EU decision-making by removing national vetoes in some areas of taxation policy and ending unanimity on taxes. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7155/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has undertaken an economic evaluation of wage levels here and the affordability of rent and house purchases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [7363/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Finance if he envisages NAMA and NTMA staff being seconded to the land development agency; if he has discussed same with the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, interim CEO of the land development agency and the chairman and CEO of NAMA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [7354/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether there is a fairer way to class various products for VAT rather than standardised rates which can be subject to changes that make significant differences to certain industries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [7356/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the fact that multiple NAMA transactions since 2010 may have been in breach of section 172 of the NAMA Act; if he or NAMA have had engagement with An Garda Síochána or the DPP regarding their ongoing investigation into one specific transaction concerning a section 172 breach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [7355/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the failure of a company (details supplied); the number of households that have been impacted by the withdrawal of latent defect insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7367/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered the need for special tax incentives to allow small businesses establish in areas outside of the main cities. — Willie Penrose. [52144/18]

30. To ask the Minister for Finance if he met with colleagues before the recent tax cut announcements were made. — Michael Moynihan. [49445/18]

31. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has identified issues likely to negatively impact on the competitiveness of the economy; if so, the corrective measures he has put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7347/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that progress is being made by the working group on the cost of insurance in the areas of public liability insurance such as for marts or child play centres. — Pearse Doherty. [7345/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Finance the key recommendations of the cost of insurance working group including the report on employer and public liability he plans to implement in the next six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7369/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to introduce legislation on regulations for the large shadow banking sector here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7156/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to reduce the perceived excessive sums awarded for whiplash compensation claims in view of the latest Personal Injuries Assessment Board data. — Billy Kelleher. [4566/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of his plans to deal with the rising cost of business insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7276/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Finance if his officials meet the Fiscal Advisory Council on a regular basis. — Michael Moynihan. [49136/18]

38. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures taken to meet and engage with insurance companies regarding excessive premiums being charged to consumers particularly in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [7359/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures which will be introduced in order to mitigate the regressive impact of an increased carbon tax; if he will publish a report on the measures required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [3371/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress being made in matching the capacity of credit unions to lend to small businesses with the needs of those businesses to obtain credit in the context of the proposal on lending to SMEs from the League of Credit Unions in 2016 and the report on public banking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [50416/18]

41. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on plans to increase the carbon tax; if his attention has been drawn to studies from Canada (details supplied) that suggest such policies do not reduce CO2 emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [3310/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Finance his assessment of Ireland’s preparedness for all Brexit scenarios; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7371/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he is taking to address the perceived spiralling cost of insurance for the leisure industry. — Robert Troy. [7340/19]