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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]

2. 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]

3. 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]

4. 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]

5. 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]

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

7. 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]

8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Theresa May on 8 February 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [7902/19]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent discussions with the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Theresa May. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7978/19]

10. To ask the Taoiseach if Prime Minister May spoke in relation to there being no need for a Brexit delay in view of the fact it would serve no purpose when they met in Dublin on 8 February 2019; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Prime Minister May informed business leaders of this in London on 12 February 2019. — Micheál Martin. [8029/19]

11. To ask the Taoiseach if he or his officials discussed the impact on supply chains from east to west and others with Prime Minister May when they met in Dublin on 8 February 2019. — Micheál Martin. [8030/19]

12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Theresa May. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8286/19]

13. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with Prime Minister May since a motion was rejected on 14 February 2019 in the House of Commons to prevent a no-deal Brexit. — Micheál Martin. [8463/19]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he discussed the future European elections with Prime Minister May when they met in Dublin. — Micheál Martin. [8468/19]

15. 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]

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

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

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to Northern Ireland and the parties he met. — Brendan Howlin. [7900/19]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to Northern Ireland and the meetings he attended. — Mary Lou McDonald. [7985/19]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to or met with Ms Arlene Foster since January 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [8461/19]

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 economic division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7979/19]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee A (Economy) last met; and when it is expected to next meet. — Brendan Howlin. [8224/19]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7980/19]

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

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

30. 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]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on recent or planned meetings with church leaders. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8378/19]

32. 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]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Mary Lou McDonald. [7984/19]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met; and when it will meet again. — Joan Burton. [8084/19]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) met on 31 January 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [8225/19]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8379/19]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the State boards and agencies that civil servants from his Department are appointed to. — Brendan Howlin. [7901/19]

38. To ask the Taoiseach the appointments made by him since his election as Taoiseach to State boards or other agencies under the aegis of his Department. — Mattie McGrath. [7981/19]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on developments and centralisation of the website of his Department into one Government website. — Micheál Martin. [8032/19]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department's new website; and the person or body responsible for updating it. — Brendan Howlin. [8222/19]

41. To ask the Taoiseach the number and type of Cabinet committees held since January 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [8460/19]

42. To ask the Taoiseach the role of his Department in relation to contingency planning for Brexit; and the number of meetings that have been held since September 2018 on same. — Micheál Martin. [8464/19]

43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the all-island civic dialogue held on 15 February 2019. — Micheál Martin. [8465/19]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

44. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans for the EU IORP II Directive; if a derogation for smaller and single member pension schemes will be applied for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [8051/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the action she plans to take in view of the recent passing of the Dáil Éireann Motion regarding JobPath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [8287/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans for community employment schemes and the local employment services; the efforts she will make to safeguard same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [8052/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she is satisfied that all issues relating to illness benefit are now resolved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [8288/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to provide community employment supervisors with access to the same working entitlements as provided to public servants following the implementation of the Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act 2018; if those that wish to continue to work will be permitted to do so; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [8176/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

49. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of future community employment schemes. — Thomas Byrne. [8085/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding illness benefit delays; if consideration is being given to a compensation scheme for those that were financially negatively affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [8094/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the final report of the investigation by the Data Protection Commissioner into the public services card will be published; if a full or summary report will be published; the reason a full report would not be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [8093/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of her response to the recent decision by Dáil Éireann to approve a Private Member’s Motion calling for the abolition of the JobPath programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7974/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to move Ireland to an index linked social welfare rates system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8003/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will provide an update on the outcome of her visit to the careers fair held in Tipperary Town; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7975/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to review the impact of the six day waiting period for employees to access social payments in view of the fact that many do not receive sick pay entitlements from their employers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [8005/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her Department is withholding payments in circumstances in which a person entitled to same declines to register for a public services card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [8092/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to introduce an auto-enrolment scheme in view of the fact that the proposals put forward by her Department were criticised during the public consultation process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [8050/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she has taken to ensure that all family carers can avail of access to adequate support services for respite, individual support, training, networking, information and advocacy to ensure they do not lack training or confidence in their individual roles; the steps she has taken to deliver access to core support services for carers nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [8087/19]

59. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which she plans to avert further strike action by community employment supervisors and assistant supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [7991/19]

60. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will request an independent review of the decisions with regard to the errors in the historic PRSI classification of a person (details supplied) and the resulting entitlements or lack thereof to payments from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7977/19]

61. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the opportunities given to locally based community employment social inclusion schemes to participate in the review by the interdepartmental group set up to examine the future of such schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7729/19]

62. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the fall in the number of persons on the live register in County Carlow since January 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [8104/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding contractual, pay and pension concerns raised by community employment scheme supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7654/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the means test applicable to participation on the rural social scheme will be amended (details supplied); her views on whether a reduction in the level of payment for the participant can act as a disincentive in relation to increasing farming output; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8109/19]

65. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the review of pensions affected by the 2012 contributory pensions changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8106/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the further changes she plans to make to alleviate the difficulties part-time and seasonal workers have accessing social welfare payments once their seasonal and part-time work ceases; the issues which were highlighted to her in the report by her Department on the issue; if she will circulate a copy of same to those Members of Dáil Éireann which wish to receive same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [7973/19]

67. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the impact which recent changes to jobseeker's benefit in seasonal, casual and part-time employment will have on workers particularly in rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [8105/19]

68. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on whether there is a need for more social welfare offices in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [7946/19]

69. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to extend the child benefit payment to children that turn 18 years of age and are in full-time secondary school education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7868/19]

70. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the arts scheme is open to actors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [8045/19]

71. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the hot school meals pilot scheme; if it will be rolled out nationally; if so, the expected benefits of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8103/19]

72. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the level of bureaucracy involved in the annual forms that applicants for farm assist are required to fill out and return will be reviewed; if the level of information required on an annual basis will be reduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7867/19]

73. 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 since its extension to the self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [8099/19]

74. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to amend the conditions applicable to the rural social scheme with particular reference to the need to remove the six year participation limit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8108/19]

75. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on the final design of the total contributions approach to be introduced in 2020; and if not, the date on which such a decision will be made. — Clare Daly. [8110/19]

76. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the introduction of a new social insurance parental benefit payment to be paid for two weeks to each parent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [8107/19]

77. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when she expects paper forms to be available for use by those in receipt of reduced contributory pensions post-2012 that have been unable to complete the online review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [8067/19]

78. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when pension increases and back payments in relation to recent changes to the contributory pension scheme will be issued; when difficulties being experienced on the website MyWelfare.ie will be resolved; and when a paper application form inviting pensioners to fill in gaps in their records will be issued. — Bríd Smith. [8007/19]

79. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on Intreo offices having the right to make recipients of social welfare payments take up employment outside of their chosen profession or vocation; and her further views of whether it negates the ability of a person to pursue their chosen profession. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [8044/19]

80. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the protections in place for members of defined benefit pension schemes in cases in which an employer seeks to move away from such a scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [7992/19]

81. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on a report (details supplied) commissioned by her Department which found value for money in local employment services despite reduced funding in recent years; her plans to reconfigure public employment services in 2020; if the value of community not-for-profit employment services will be preserved over private sector models; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [8095/19]

82. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the new national action plan for social inclusion 2018 to 2021 will be published; the reason it has not been published to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [8047/19]

83. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the average time required to process means tested applications for various social welfare entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8097/19]

84. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to introduce changes to the means testing in the social welfare system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8088/19]

85. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to continue contracts with JobPath providers in view of the recent Dáil Éireann motion in relation to the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [8008/19]

86. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of her plans to extend jobseeker's benefit to the self-employed; if illness benefit will be extended to the self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [8048/19]

87. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the report into the impact of reduced jobseeker's payments for those under 26 years of age will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [7994/19]

88. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that carried out their post-2012 contributory pension reviews online; the number that commenced an online review but did not complete the process in County Cork; the steps she plans to take to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8090/19]

89. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress made to date with the introduction of the new TCA method of assessment for the State pension (contributory) for persons that became eligible for a pension since September 2012; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8089/19]

90. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that availed of paternity benefit since its introduction in September 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [8101/19]

91. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if index-linking social welfare payments is being considered; the analysis she has undertaken of this approach; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [8049/19]

92. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that availed of aural benefit through the treatment benefit scheme since its extension to the self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [8100/19]

93. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applications for carer's allowance that were refused on application, referred to appeal and granted or rejected on appeal, respectively in each of the past twelve months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8096/19]

94. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if all pensioners affected by the reduced rates of entitlement in Budget 2012 have now been contacted; the number contacted to date; the number requested to produce further information; the number whose weekly payments will be adjusted and arrears paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7655/19]

95. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the publication of the report by the Data Protection Commissioner into the public services card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [7995/19]

96. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of her plans to re-examine the situation that relates to women that were in the workforce and left in earlier years for family duties are not in a position to receive the full State pension (contributory) when they reach retirement age; and her further plans to address the situation. — Niamh Smyth. [8043/19]

97. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the improvements proposed for seasonal and part-time workers since she received the report into the entitlements of these categories of workers compiled by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [7972/19]

98. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will request an independent review of the decisions with regard to the errors in the historic PRSI classification of a person (details supplied) and the resulting entitlements or lack thereof to payments from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7976/19]

99. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when she expects the first reviews of reduced contributory pensions to be completed; if revised amounts will issue as soon as individual reviews are completed; when backdated amounts will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [8068/19]

100. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when pension increases and back payments will be issued to those impacted by previous changes to the State pension system; her plans to address the difficulties being experienced by those affected by the website MyWelfare.ie; when paper application forms inviting pensioners to fill in gaps in their records will be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [8115/19]

101. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that availed of dental benefit through the treatment benefit scheme nationally and in County Clare since its extension to the self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [8098/19]

102. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps being taken to fast-track applications for payment of a carer's allowance to new applicants in view of the fact that the need for the payment for those applying is immediate while the process for receiving access can be lengthy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [8112/19]

103. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of plans to extend PSRI insurance based benefits to the self-employed that become unemployed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [8102/19]

104. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if all those that qualify for a revised contributory pension will be paid the revised amount back dated to March 2018 by the end of the first quarter of 2019; if those affected by same can provide the necessary information in writing rather than online; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that persons are experiencing difficulties with the online platform; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [8046/19]

105. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the operation of the telephone allowance will be reviewed in view of the fact that pensioners in need of the allowance that are not living alone cannot access it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [8004/19]

106. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will consider allowing social welfare supports for widows to be awarded in cases in which the surviving partner was not married to the deceased but shared children and or had cohabited for a significant amount of time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [7993/19]

107. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that requested paper forms for their post-2012 contributory pension review; the completion rate for paper reviews; the number that did not respond to review correspondence in County Cork; the steps she plans to take to address the issue of non-correspondence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8091/19]

108. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of her plans to protect defined benefit pension schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [8114/19]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*109. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons in receipt of a long term unemployment payment as a percentage of the workforce. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8442/19]

*110. To ask the Taoiseach if he discussed the lack of a Northern Assembly with Prime Minister May when they last met in Dublin. — Micheál Martin. [8034/19]

*111. To ask the Taoiseach the expenditure details for all consultancy or audit services provided to his Department by a company (details supplied) in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Mattie McGrath. [7756/19]

*112. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on meetings with the political parties when he visited Belfast on 8 February 2019; the persons that attended; the issues that were discussed; the responses made; and if arrangements have been made to meet again. — Micheál Martin. [7759/19]

*113. To ask the Taoiseach if his attention has been drawn to cost overruns on contracts within his Department with a value in excess of €10 million that came in more than 10% over budget in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if so, the details of same. — Mattie McGrath. [8429/19]

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

*114. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of serving medical officers in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7684/19]

*115. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of serving medical officers in the Defence Forces that hold specialist registration with an organisation (details supplied); the number of doctors that are fully qualified to practice unsupervised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7685/19]

*116. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the position regarding serving medical officers of Lieutenant Colonel rank and above that are allegedly not seeing patients but are completing administrative roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7686/19]

*117. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of medical officers in the Defence Forces in receipt of the specialist allowance designed to recruit and retain fully qualified doctors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7687/19]

*118. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the reason the specialist allowance designed to recruit and retain fully qualified doctors has ceased; if he has given consideration to reinstating the allowance in order to aid recruitment and retention of suitably qualified doctors to the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7688/19]

*119. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if members of the fire service will be awarded medals in commemoration of 1916; if he will consider granting the medals to veteran members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7706/19]

*120. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if colour blindness is an automatic disqualifier for application to the Defence Forces; if there have been changes to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7707/19]

*121. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of members of the Defence Forces injured during the course of their duties in the past twenty years that have had to retire subsequently on ill health grounds but that have had their pensions reduced to recover an award; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7764/19]

*122. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if construction works will commence in 2019 on the new gymnasias at Sarsfield Barracks, County Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [7942/19]

*123. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if a new recruitment campaign for the Permanent Defence Forces will commence before the end of Easter 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8027/19]

*124. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 51 and 52 of 31 January 2019, the specific elements of Defence Forces height standards being reviewed; the specific timeline for the review; when it will begin; when conclusions will be reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [8189/19]

*125. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the Defence Forces is considering reducing the height requirements for all recruits and cadets at entry; if so, when a decision on same can be expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [8190/19]

*126. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 135 of 20 November 2018, when the information will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [8341/19]

*127. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to cost overruns on contracts within his Department with a value in excess of €10 million that came in more than 10% over budget in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8420/19]

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

*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a person (details supplied) is eligible to apply for an Irish passport; if not, if they must first make a formal application for citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7671/19]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the arrangements made for equality monitoring in the running of the rapid response roster and the election observation roster; and if arrangements for appeal from disabled applicants to the rosters will be considered under public statutory equality duty. — Bríd Smith. [7874/19]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the estimated amount it would cost in a full year if two additional passport printing machines were purchased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [7939/19]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to introduce a reduced cost for renewing and obtaining a passport for senior citizens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7988/19]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on whether arrangements should be made for the UK to enjoy a one-stop security agreement with the European Union; and if he has made representations to this effect. — Robert Troy. [8129/19]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of persons employed in the fraud unit in Irish Aid in each of the years 2012 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8215/19]

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Irish Aid is suspended or restricted to certain countries in relation to concerns regarding the use of Irish Aid money; if so, the countries in question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8216/19]

*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the countries that have had Irish Aid suspended or restricted over concerns of its use Irish Aid money in each of the years 2012 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8217/19]

*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the safeguards that have been put in place to ensure Irish Aid money is spent correctly and in accordance with set procedures and standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8218/19]

*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the measures that have been put in place following the suspension of Irish aid to Uganda in 2012; if Uganda is still subject restrictions with regard to Irish aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8219/19]

*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the contract for the Passport Express service with An Post will be renewed when the current contract expires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [8257/19]

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of times the North/South Inter-Parliamentary Association has met since it was formed; when the last meeting of the association took place; the matters discussed and achieved by the association; and when the next meeting of the association will take place. — Peadar Tóibín. [8277/19]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to cost overruns on contracts within his Department with a value in excess of €10 million that came in more than 10% over budget in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8424/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance if the review of local property tax will include an assessment of the fairness of applying the full tax to residents in areas that have been paying the tax since its introduction but whose areas have not yet been taken in charge by the local council; and if not, the way in which he plans to deal with the anomaly. — Róisín Shortall. [8333/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of licences for gaming machines issued by the Revenue Commissioners in 2016, 2017 and 2018; and the amount of fees collected from the issue of such licences in each year. — Mick Wallace. [7657/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Finance the position in relation to the licensing and regulation of debt collection agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7666/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 178 of 5 February 2019, if there is scope to reduce VAT on such non-alcoholic drinks in view of the fact that they are not beer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7678/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 75 of 4 October 2018, if there have been changes in the regulatory status of the company; if the Central Bank has responded to correspondence indicating that it will regulate this type of lending activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7736/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Finance if local authorities are classified as financial service providers for the purposes of complaints to the Financial Services and Pension Ombudsman in view of their role in administering and providing mortgages through the Rebuilding Ireland mortgage scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7740/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Finance if an investigation is taking place in respect of surcharge interest on arrears being wrongly charged in respect of mortgages that originated with a bank (details supplied); if the matter has been brought to the attention of the Central Bank by the owners of such loans; the number of persons affected by this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7752/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a company (details supplied) is reporting the full mortgage loan balance as arrears following the serving of a demand letter on the mortgage holder; the action being taken in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7753/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Finance if the reports that a company (details supplied) has reverted incorrect methodology for calculating mortgage arrears balances will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7754/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress made on ensuring that flood insurance is available at a reasonable price to householders; the flood protection plans in place to ensure a location (details supplied) will be revived from the areas of high risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7803/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans in relation to the regional film development uplift corporation tax credit introduced in the Finance Act 2018; his further plans to extend the area specific annex to the EU Commission decision C(2014) 3153; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kate O'Connell. [7829/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the tracker mortgage examination by the Central Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7865/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Finance the resources being deployed by the Central Bank in the ongoing enforcement investigations associated with the tracker mortgage examination; the number of staff involved; if outside expertise is being used; the number of site visits held; the number of documents inspected; the number of meetings held; the maximum financial and other penalties that can be imposed on the institutions concerned and on persons found to be responsible within those institutions; when he expects the enforcement investigations to be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7866/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated effect of the UK leaving from the EU will have on the net Irish annual contribution to the EU budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7930/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Finance the discussions held to date at EU level in relation to the introduction of a common consolidated corporation tax; if this is likely in the next three years; the plans Ireland has to prevent same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7931/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Finance when a final reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7958/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Finance the action he has taken to deal with a bank (details supplied) selling mortgages to unregulated vulture funds against the wishes and without the consent of the mortgage holders; and if this constitutes a breach of the code of conduct. — Clare Daly. [7962/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps available to affected homeowners to not have to pay the local property tax in view of the situation for homeowners in County Donegal arising from mica; his plans to introduce an exemption to the local property tax for affected homeowners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7966/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the independent review of the workload and operations of the Tax Appeals Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8081/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated extra revenue that would be expected to accrue for each reduction in €2,500 until a threshold of €100,000 in the high earners' restriction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8139/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated extra revenue that would be expected to accrue for each increase of €5,000 in the maximum reliefs allowed under the high earners' restriction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8261/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated extra revenue that would be expected to accrue for each reduction of 1% (details supplied) in the aggregate of specified reliefs of adjusted income allowed under the high earners' restriction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8262/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Finance if a ban on the below invoice cost selling of alcohol would result in an increase in VAT revenues; if it is within his power to cease the practice of below invoice cost selling; if it is possible through secondary legislation to cease the practice of below invoice cost selling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [8266/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to cost overruns on contracts within his Department with a value in excess of €10 million that came in more than 10% over budget in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8423/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of cash seized from persons exiting and entering the State by the Revenue Commissioners enforcement officers at Weston Aerodrome 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. [8486/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Finance if a specific appointment has been approved by him and the EU Central Bank (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [8489/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of cash seized from persons exiting and entering the State by the Revenue Commissioners enforcement officers at locations (details supplied) 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. [8490/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of cash seized from persons exiting and entering the State by the Revenue Commissioners enforcement officers at Shannon and Cork airports 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. [8497/19]

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

*169. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a person that is a pensioner that previously worked in a position (details supplied) is due a pension increase as a result of pay restoration for civil servants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7755/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a reception was held on 28 December 2018 at Stewards Lodge, Farmleigh; the nature and purpose of the reception; and the persons that attended. — Thomas Byrne. [7761/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of a new State forensic science laboratory; the reason for the delay in the construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [7787/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position with regard to the premises of the national forensic library; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [7788/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the spend to date on preparatory works for a new facility for the national forensic library; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [7789/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the cost overrun in relation to the national children's hospital; the capital projects which will be deferred as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [8071/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the Templemore, County Tipperary flood relief programme following reports of €3 million being diverted from flood relief programmes nationally to fill the health budget deficit in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [8083/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there is an annual report detailing the distribution of moneys from the National Lottery Fund; the way in which these funds are apportioned; if he is satisfied that there are clear guidelines within each Department for the processing of grant applications from the fund from county groups and others; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [8210/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the budget of Departments will face cuts due to the spending overrun in the national children's hospital; if so, the areas the adjustments to the budget will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [8348/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position in relation to pension claims by community employment scheme supervisors; the number of times the community employment Departmental forum has met since January 2018; if his attention has been drawn to the Dáil Éireann motion of April 2018 supporting the claims of community employment scheme supervisors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [7662/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the meetings attended by designated public officials which have taken place between his Department and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment regarding the cost of the National Broadband Plan since January 2016. — Timmy Dooley. [7712/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he is considering further decentralisation of Departments in view of the housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [7778/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if information (details supplied) on the professional added years schemes will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [7784/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost in 2019 and 2020 of implementing in full the Labour Court recommendations of February 2019 on resolving the industrial dispute with nurses; the estimated annual recurring cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7909/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost of bringing forward to early 2016 the payment of the pay increase that was due to certain public servants in September 2016 under the Lansdowne Road Agreement; the date the payment was made; the number of public servants that benefitted from same; the overall cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7911/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost arising from the ceasing of the Lansdowne Road Agreement early and incorporating it into the Public Service Stability Agreement 2018-2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7912/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding will be allocated to dredge a river (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7935/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of State contracts that were not awarded to the lowest tender or bid in each year since 2011 to date in his Department, or bodies under the aegis of his Department; the reason the lowest tender or bid was not chosen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7961/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he was informed prior to November 2018 of the latest cost overruns at the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [7351/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the corporate and fiduciary responsibilities of civil servants appointed to State boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8058/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will consider submitting all future major public project tendering to pre-examination by a reputable international independent cost accountant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8130/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if delays to affect the introduction of a flood relief scheme in Enniscorthy, County Wexford are anticipated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8157/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding has been ring-fenced for the flood prevention scheme in Glanmire, County Cork and will not be affected in view of the reallocation of funds from his Department for the national children's hospital; if the timeframe for agreed works will be honoured with no delay resulting due to the reallocation of funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [8175/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 206 of 12 February 2019, the reason the information cannot be collated in response to a Parliamentary Question; and if a response to the question will be provided. — Clare Daly. [8278/19]

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

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the options available to national schools to improve playground facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [7679/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the funding available to assist national schools with the development of playground facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [7689/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of substitute teachers at primary level that have been affected by the issue arising from the new modernised PAYE system being implemented from 1 January 2019 which has caused teachers to be underpaid. — Kathleen Funchion. [7658/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of substitute teachers at post-primary level that have been affected by the issue arising from the new modernised PAYE system being implemented from 1 January 2019 which has caused teachers to be underpaid. — Kathleen Funchion. [7659/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the immediate measures being taken to rectify the problem arising from the new modernised PAYE system which is causing substitute teachers to be underpaid; and the date by which those affected will be paid all amounts overdue to them. — Kathleen Funchion. [7660/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide a special needs unit at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [7667/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of building plans for a school (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the condition of the school building; if the matter will be expedited in view of the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [7680/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the procedures in place to allow for an existing lease held by his Department to be changed on a vacant school building to facilitate the provision of suitable space to provide after-school childcare service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [7697/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding teacher redeployment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7703/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a project (details supplied) will proceed to the next stage in view of the need to upgrade existing accommodation and provide additional permanent accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7728/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the escalating problem of the lack of school places for children in an area (details supplied) in County Dublin; if a new school will open by 2020 as promised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [7739/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when funding will be granted to a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7758/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the co-education status will be determined for a school (details supplied); if it will provide for 2019 enrolment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7783/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of circulars to educational institutions relating to workplace relations specifically disciplinary proceedings and access to sick leave; if circulars on such issues are binding regulations or suggested guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [7802/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the pay issues affecting substitute teachers since the introduction of PAYE modernisation on 1 January 2019; when these issues will be resolved in order that substitute teachers will not be taxed at the emergency tax rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7813/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the projects which have been delayed as a result of cost overruns at the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7790/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if Solas is providing an apprenticeship for motorcycle mechanics; if not, if he will request Solas to bring forward proposals to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7823/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to reinstate the funding of trainee teachers travel and living costs associated with a mandatory requirement to spend a number of weeks in An Gaeltacht as part of their training; if he has considered setting up a full or part granting scheme for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7825/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to reintroduce a subsidy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [7826/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an assessment of the shortage of places in secondary schools (details supplied) will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [7827/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of uncovered absences by a qualified substitute teacher in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7832/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application for emergency works will be considered for a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7858/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 364 of 6 November 2018, if progress has been made on providing a person (details supplied) with school transport under the school transport scheme. — Billy Kelleher. [7860/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) who is entitled to free transport will continue to receive transport when they progress to second-level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [7863/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of primary and secondary substitute teachers on the roster in 2018; the number of those required for cover in 2018; the average number of days covered in 2018 by substitute teachers by primary and secondary level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7883/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a project to rebuild a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [7890/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address an educational crisis in view of the increasing number of children in an area (details supplied) that are not able to access the local primary school due to increased housing construction in the area; the timeframe in which this issue will be addressed; if his attention has been drawn to the urgency of the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7898/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide teachers with resources and training to administer individual education planning for children with Down syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7914/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to extend the July provision programme which provides for funding for children with Down syndrome to benefit from an extended school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7915/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a schedule of accommodation will be provided to a school (details supplied) further to his meeting with the authorities of the school in October 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7919/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties facing parents of children with special needs in securing appropriate school places in ASD special classes for their children in the Dublin 13 area; the steps he will take to ensure children (details supplied) will secure places in a local ASD class for the beginning of the September 2019 school year; his plans to increase the number of ASD special classes in the area; and the options available to the children if they cannot secure places in an ASD class in the area. — Denise Mitchell. [7932/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cost in a full year if the book grant of €11 per pupil in primary schools was increased to €14 per pupil and from €24 to €30 per pupil in post-primary school under the book grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [7941/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an appeal regarding home tuition hours for persons (details supplied) will be granted. — Robert Troy. [7949/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the electronic music equipment recognised as musical instruments in the school curriculum to be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [7990/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 245 of 5 February 2019, the status of the requirement for a new primary and secondary school in Gorey, County Wexford; and if the project is under examination and can proceed during the four year period 2019 to 2022. — Brendan Howlin. [8020/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the lack of progress on the planning application to Dublin City Council for a permanent school (details supplied) at a location; the steps he is taking to address these needs; the timeline for the delivery of further prefabs and the permanent school building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [8053/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to ban the use of mobile phones in primary and post-primary schools; his views on whether boards of management are vulnerable to allegations of facilitating cyberbullying if there are not clear procedures in place in each school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [8117/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the criterion of being ordinarily resident and not habitually resident applies to applicants to third-level education in order to be entitled to EU fees; if he will consider revising this requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [8123/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a new school build (details supplied) will commence; the expected date of completion; the position of the build in the process; the steps which remain to conclude; the interim arrangements in place for the September 2019/2020 intake; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8161/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the case of a child (details supplied) in County Leitrim will be reviewed; his views on whether this is unacceptable; if the case will be prioritised with a place made available to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [8162/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school bus application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [8165/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide additional classroom accommodation for a school (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that an application is lodged with his Department and is awaiting approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [8166/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide a physical education hall for a school (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to an application is lodged with his Department for the project in conjunction with the broader community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [8167/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide additional accommodation for a school (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to an application for replacement prefabricated accommodation was refused and that the school is awaiting approval for required

accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [8168/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for a replacement roof at the school; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a summer works application was approved in 2014 but a similar application was refused recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [8169/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Topical Issue No. 1 of 12 February 2019, if the Minister of State with special responsibility for Higher Education stated that a new prequalification process will have to commence for the refurbishment and extension of a school (details supplied); the timescale as to each stage of the process; and the planned completion date. — Clare Daly. [8170/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the case of a person (details supplied) as an example of delays in rechecking leaving certificate exam results; the steps he is taking in relation to accelerating the recheck process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [8171/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a SNA will be provided for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [8173/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the additional supports available to support a person with special needs (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [8191/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the approved primary and post-primary school capital projects at various stages of construction and planning and design in Waterford city and county; the estimated combined cost of these projects; and the number of other applications received by the planning and building unit from County Waterford at pre-approval stage. — John Deasy. [8192/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of prefab units in situ at primary and secondary schools in County Waterford as of 31 December 2018; the number of prefabs in place across schools in County Waterford in 2008 and 2013; and the average rental cost per prefab unit. — John Deasy. [8193/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to extend entitlement to the July provision scheme to children with Down syndrome; if so, when such a broadening of the scheme will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8213/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if correspondence has been received from a person (details supplied); when the person will receive a reply to the correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8214/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the review into his Department’s design and build programme commenced; and when it will conclude. — Thomas Byrne. [8220/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress on the delivery of a new campus for a school (details supplied); when building will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [8242/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the Irish language Youthreach programme in Connemara, County Galway is being closed; if the funding for the programme will be extended; the funding for this specific programme over each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8247/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the schools that have no permanent site for which his Department is responsible for providing a permanent site. — Thomas Byrne. [8249/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the schools that have no permanent site for which a patron is responsible for providing a permanent site. — Thomas Byrne. [8250/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a decision will be made on an application for temporary accommodation by a school (details supplied); if the decision will be expedited in order to give time for the planning process to be completed in order that the classrooms which will be required for the 2019/2020 school year can be in place in time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [8252/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if efforts will be made to expedite the issuing of a certificate of results to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [8279/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the procedures in place for a patron to remove clergy from a school board of management at their discretion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [8281/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if progress has been made on the construction of a new build for a school complex (details supplied); the timeline of the building project; if the school is to be built under the rapid build programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O’Rourke. [8297/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the planned school building works at a school (details supplied); and the level of priority being afforded to the project. — Robert Troy. [8312/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the planning permission process will be started for new prefab buildings at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8322/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the alternative arrangements which will be made for the education of students in a school (details supplied) in the event that the planning permission process for new prefab buildings at the school is not started in time to allow the prefabs be ready for new students in September 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8323/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding an application for Teaching Council registration by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8326/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8413/19]

*260. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna é mhéad airgead a chosain an Liúntas Gaeltachta, an Liúntas um Múineadh trí Ghaeilge agus an Liúntas Teagaisc ar Oileán do mhúinteoirí meánscoile agus bunscoile i ngach ceann de na blianta 2010 go 2018 faoi seach; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8414/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to cost overruns on contracts within his Department with a value in excess of €10 million that came in more than 10% over budget in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8421/19]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to a trust responsible for a school (details supplied) advising parents and staff that it plans to close the school; if it advised his Department of the decision to close the school; the action he will take for the school to remain open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [8495/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of State contracts that were not awarded to the lowest tender or bid in each year since 2011 to date in his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department; the reason the lowest tender or bid was not chosen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8803/19]

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

*264. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the cost in 2016, 2017, 2018 and the projected cost for 2019 of the deal agreed in November 2016 in respect of pay policy for certain members of An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7910/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to extend the right to Irish citizenship to British persons that have lived here at some time in their life for more than five successive years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8412/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the timeframe in which a passport can be returned to a person that submits it alongside an application for citizenship. — Robert Troy. [7698/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of plans to redevelop Tralee court services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [7699/19]

*268. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the funding an organisation (details supplied) receives through its membership of the new communities partnership each year; the reason this funding is given to the organisation; and the legislation under which the organisation receives funding from his Department. — Clare Daly. [7717/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his Department has a service level agreement with the new communities partnership. — Clare Daly. [7718/19]

*270. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his Department has a service level agreement directly with an organisation (details supplied); if so, the service provided by the organisation; and the persons for which the service is provided. — Clare Daly. [7719/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of occasions in each of the years 2016 to 2018 An Garda Síochána intervened to cease the unlawful operation of gaming machines. — Mick Wallace. [7735/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he or the Law Reform Commission will examine the procedures appertaining to the making of wills with a view to minimising a scenario (details supplied); the extent to which such cases have had to be dealt with by the courts in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7750/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person that has been resident and married here for over 20 years must provide proof of residency for each of those years; and if as a spouse of an Irish citizen they must prove residency for the past three years. — Robert Troy. [7801/19]

*274. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the projects which have been delayed as a result of cost overruns at the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [7791/19]

*275. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if it is acceptable to send a certified copy of a passport with a citizenship application in circumstances in which an applicant may need to travel abroad in the interim. — Robert Troy. [7856/19]

*276. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons that have been prosecuted, fined or penalised for the offence of tailgating at the M1 toll barrier in each of the years 2014 to 2018. — Imelda Munster. [7887/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if regard was given to the marriage of a person (details supplied) to an Irish citizen before review and the decision to deport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7897/19]

*278. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount An Garda Síochána spent on purchasing new Garda mountain bikes in 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [7944/19]

*279. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount of funding allocated for the building programme of An Garda Síochána under the Capital Plan 2016 to 2021; the amount spent in each of the years 2016 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [7945/19]

*280. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the citizenship ceremonies will take place in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [7986/19]

*281. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the Garda numbers for the Donegal Division in each of the years 2010 to 2018 and to date in 2019, respectively; the Garda numbers stationed in each Garda Station within the Division; the number for community gardaí within the Division; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [8002/19]

*282. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his Department has written or is writing to disability organisations under the aegis of his Department or in receipt of funding from same requesting savings to be made in their budgets; if so, the details of the organisations; the saving

required from each; the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [8023/19]

*283. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of knives seized by An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8024/19]

*284. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans for the Thornton Hall site in Fingal; if a detention centre or prison is planned for the location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8062/19]

*285. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce legislation providing for a referendum to abolish ground rents here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8065/19]

*286. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 233 of 4 December 2018 and 432 of 15 January 2019, if he stands over his statement in the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 233 of 4 December 2018 that all lawful gaming in amusement and gaming arcades here are confined to areas in respect of which Part III of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 is in force in view of the fact that in reply to Parliamentary Question No. 432 of 15 January 2019 he states that he is advised by the Revenue Commissioners that there are two premises in Dublin that either have a gaming license and are licensed to make available for play or were so licensed up to a recent date in view of the fact that local authorities in Dublin have not passed resolutions to permit such gaming activity under Part III of the Act. — Mick Wallace. [8121/19]

*287. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the eligibility criteria for accessing free legal aid for repossession cases; the average time persons are waiting to access the service for repossession cases; the amount of funding allocated to and drawn down by the Free Legal Aid Board in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and the amount that has been allocated for 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8131/19]

*288. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the average stay of residents living in direct provision up to 31 December 2018, in tabular form; the number of persons staying by time range (details supplied); the percentage of the population in direct provision which these figures represent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [8138/19]

*289. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the basis on which the 25 refugees that Ireland agreed to take from a ship (details supplied) in the summer of 2018 were brought here; and if they were relocated here as refugee protection programme refugees or otherwise. — Clare Daly. [8163/19]

*290. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of motorbikes purchased for the roads policing unit of An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and the number that were withdrawn from the fleet during same period. — John Lahart. [8207/19]

*291. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress being made by the cross agency group on the issue of illegal use of scramblers and quad bikes; the outcome of the engagement; the steps that will be taken as a result of the recent report issued by the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [8235/19]

*292. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons convicted for possession of drugs with a value of in excess of €13,000; the number that received sentences of less than 1 to 3, 3 to 5, 5 to 10 and more than 10 years, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [8237/19]

*293. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide the findings of the working group established to investigate the regulation of private security personnel and enforce court orders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8267/19]

*294. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans for improving Rathmullan Garda station within the Donegal division; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [8276/19]

*295. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the scoping inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied); when a full inquiry will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [8282/19]

*296. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of actions taken since a Dáil Éireann motion was passed on the death of a person (details supplied) in June 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [8283/19]

*297. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of fines issued to cars parked on pavements since 2012 in each county and city council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8327/19]

*298. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the work of the inter-agency group to consider problems associated with the widespread and dangerous use of quads and scramblers; if advice has been received from the Attorney General in relation to strengthening the law in respect of the use of these vehicles in areas which are not public roads in addition to the question of strengthening Garda powers to confiscate the vehicles; the way in which he plans to proceed in respect of the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [8336/19]

*299. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the rationale for the recently announced changes to the legal aid terms and conditions that support debtors in appealing rejected personal insolvency arrangements; the impact the change will make; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8403/19]

*300. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on whether the removal of automatic entitlement to junior counsel for S115A applications will adversely impact the equality of arms between a debtor and their personal insolvency practitioner and the relevant creditor; the extent to which the legal assistance of solely a solicitor will be sufficient to engage with the counsel and senior counsel working on behalf of a creditor in Circuit or High Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8404/19]

*301. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to cost overruns on contracts within his Department with a value in excess of €10 million that came in more than 10% over budget in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8427/19]

*302. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of application for permission to remain in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8487/19]

*303. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of State contracts that were not awarded to the lowest tender or bid in each year since 2011 to date in his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department; the reason the lowest tender or bid was not chosen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8805/19]

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

*304. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of a replacement pharmaceutical industry for a company (details supplied) in view of correspondence from the company to the community detailing the wind down of its operations by mid-2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [7767/19]

*305. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the parts of her budget she plans to cut for the savings required to fund the overrun in the national children's hospital; the amount her Department will contribute in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [7916/19]

*306. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when she expects the report from the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission on motor insurance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8063/19]

*307. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the areas in the green economy in which she plans to prioritise job creation and economic green growth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [8234/19]

*308. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if Ireland or the EU has a free trade agreement with the Philippines; if no trade agreement exists, the applicable duty for exports from the EU to the Philippines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [8256/19]

*309. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation further to Parliamentary Question No. 282 of 29 January 2019, the funding for eHubs provided for entrepreneurship and start-ups in each local authority and local enterprise office by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [8360/19]

*310. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of applicants and participants in Brexit schemes and supports provided by her Department or agencies under her remit in tabular form; and the amount allocated and expended to each such scheme in each year since being established. — Billy Kelleher. [8406/19]

*311. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the meetings she has had with her colleague, the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport since becoming Minister regarding increasing ferry shipping capacity and infrastructure development at Irish ports including roll-on and roll-off facilities for businesses exporting to continental Europe in the event of a no-deal Brexit in tabular form; the funding allocated and spent annually since the Brexit referendum on increasing shipping capacity and infrastructure development at Irish ports including roll-on and

roll-off facilities; the contingencies and supports in place for trading enterprises in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if a request has been made to the EU Commission for state aid flexibility in this regard in order to support exposed exporting companies that will incur increased costs in the event of a no-deal Brexit. — Billy Kelleher. [8407/19]

*312. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn to cost overruns on contracts within her Department with a value in excess of €10 million that came in more than 10% over budget in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if so, the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8416/19]

*313. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of State contracts that were not awarded to the lowest tender or bid in each year since 2011 to date in her Department or bodies under the aegis of her Department; the reason the lowest tender or bid was not chosen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8800/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*314. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to legislate for the production of a crop (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [7814/19]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the four year look back rule in respect of HSE employees seeking to avail of sick pay; if the maximum number of sick days availed of in the rolling four year period is 183 paid sick days or a combination of 183 paid and unpaid sick days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [8022/19]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not had a response from CAMHS and consultants when contacted; the steps the person should take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8164/19]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health the status of respite care for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7664/19]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will be requested to amend the file of a person (details supplied) to reflect an illness diagnosed in 1994 and 1995 in view of the fact that their file does not include same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7674/19]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 662 of 15 January 2019, if the changes referred to will not impact on the range of services provided or the access criteria for the services in view of the experience of previous clients of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7681/19]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health the role played by a company (details supplied) in evaluating the tenders for the national children's hospital; if conflicts of interest exist with the main contractor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7683/19]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the findings of research undertaken by the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics into the potential affect of broadening the health technology criteria for assessing orphan drugs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [7690/19]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health if he has reviewed the possible impact on patients accessing healthcare in the UK under the cross-Border directive in the event of Brexit; and his plans to deal with all eventualities. — Bríd Smith. [7693/19]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to review a matter (details supplied) in relation to HSE spending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7695/19]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a procedure in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7696/19]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health the alternative local supports being put in place due to the crisis situation at a centre (details supplied); the status of the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7722/19]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health the hours of service each day for caredoc in south County Tipperary and shannodoc in north County Tipperary; the location of the service in each area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7723/19]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of calls caredoc in south County Tipperary and shannodoc in south County Tipperary received in each of the years 2016 to 2018; the number called to by the general practitioner on duty; the number instructed to attend accident and emergency departments; the number that had an ambulance called out to attend; the number that received a phone call or number of phone calls only for the same period in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7724/19]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the drug Spinraza being approved for availability under the GMS system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [7727/19]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the next phase in the development of the Sheil Hospital to provide an 80 bed community hospital within the campus in Ballyshannon, County Donegal; if the estimated €19 million has been put in place to carry out the work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7731/19]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding price comparisons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7732/19]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the cross-Border directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7738/19]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health if the national framework for eating disorder care has been launched to date in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [7741/19]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health if the national framework for eating disorder care has been launched to date in County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [7742/19]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for assessment for occupational therapy in County Kildare for 3, 6 and over 12 months, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [7743/19]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for occupational therapy for children with dyspraxia in each of the years 2015 to 2018, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [7744/19]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for outpatient appointments in each hospital; and the number waiting over 12 and 18 months, respectively. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [7745/19]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a child is waiting for speech and language in each CHO area; and the number waiting longer than 12 months in each CHO. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [7746/19]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) who has been referred for an appointment to St. Columcille's Hospital will be reviewed; the steps he will take to reduce the perceived excessive waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7751/19]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the status of his plans to introduce a device (details supplied) under the long term illness scheme cover for type 1 diabetes; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that it has been introduced in the UK; if research has been carried out on the amount it could save; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7757/19]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on the commencement of the compassionate access programme for patients that require treatment with medicinal cannabis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [7779/19]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on the granting of importation licences for medicinal cannabis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [7780/19]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health if there are changes in circumstances envisioned for patients already granted licences for medicinal cannabis when the compassionate access programme is commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [7781/19]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the next phase in the development of the Sheil Community Hospital to provide an 80 bed community hospital within the health campus in Ballyshannon, County Donegal; if the estimated €19 million has been put in place to carry out the work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7800/19]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 359 of 29 January 2019, the number of patient discharges from hospitals in which patients were discharged to no fixed address including bed and breakfasts, hostels, hotels and so on in each of the years 2011 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [7805/19]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a psychology appointment for a child (details supplied) in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [7808/19]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision has been made on an application for funding by an organisation (details supplied) in County Kerry to provide fulltime residential care for a person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7810/19]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the involvement he has had with the NTMA and the NDFA in relation to the children's hospital project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7811/19]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will issue in relation to a medical card application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7815/19]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health the services and funding provided by the HSE for persons that suffer from addiction to gambling; and the amount of funding allocated to such services in each of the years 2015 to 2017. — Mick Wallace. [7817/19]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will be instructed to sanction three public health nursing posts in an area (details supplied) in County Kerry following the submission of a business plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7828/19]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision has been made by the National Cancer Control Programme to allocate funding for a pigmented lesion clinic outreach in service in a hospital (details supplied) in the South/South West hospital group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7830/19]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners on duty in Caredoc, south County Tipperary and Shannodoc in north County Tipperary, respectively between 10pm and 8am; the number of calls each service received in 2018 between these times; the number referred to accident and emergency departments; the number that received a call out from the general practitioner; the number that had an ambulance called out to attend; the number that received a phone call only between these times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7835/19]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the appointment of a consultant psychiatrist for weekdays and weekends at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7836/19]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE collects data relating to persons presenting to emergency departments with mental health associated incidences; if so, if the relevant data for each of the years 2015 to 2018 will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7837/19]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to bring an area (details supplied) in line with A Vision for Change staffing recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7838/19]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to improve locum cover for CAMHS services particularly in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7839/19]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health if a general nurse will be appointed within a service (details supplied) to administer blood tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7840/19]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the status of delays being experienced by women in relation to smear test results; his plans to ensure that smear test results are made available sooner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7861/19]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health when the relevant stakeholders regarding a drug (details supplied) will be informed regarding the recent HSE leadership team meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7864/19]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE disability services will provide a placement for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7869/19]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE disability services will provide accommodation for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7871/19]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be transferred from Mullingar General Hospital to University Hospital Galway; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7872/19]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health the reason he has not engaged with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the crisis in general practitioner healthcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7873/19]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is being refused versatis patches in view of the fact their general practitioner has appealed the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [7875/19]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health when additional funding will be made available to task forces through an emerging needs fund; his strategy in terms of targeting those resources in favour of local needs identified by task forces in line with their key role in implementing the national drugs strategy; the way in which funding will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [7880/19]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health when building will commence for the proposed new primary care centre at Ballyboden, Dublin 16 in view of the fact that the site was purchased a number of years ago and has received planning permission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [7888/19]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health if HSE projects in an area (details supplied) will be affected by the cost overrun in the building of the national children's hospital, such as a new renal unit at Tallaght University Hospital, new primary care centres and care of the elderly facilities in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [7889/19]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health the procurement process entered into by the HSE before the engagement of an organisation (details supplied); the requirements for qualification, duration of contract or engagement and qualifications required by applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [7905/19]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health the payments made to an organisation (details supplied) in each year in respect of all engagements, contracts, secondments and consultations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [7906/19]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health the payments made to date under the main contract in relation to the construction of the national children's hospital; the amount expected to be paid in 2019 and for each subsequent year until the anticipated completion of the project in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7913/19]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a person (details supplied) must wait for an ENT appointment in University Hospital Limerick. — Maurice Quinlivan. [7918/19]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [7922/19]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for respite care will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7924/19]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health if there are discussions within the HSE to remove Our Lady's Hospital, Navan and the Mullingar Regional Hospital from the Ireland East hospital group; the basis of these discussions; the impact it will have for the two hospitals; the impact on the connections that have been created between these two hospitals and the group; and if there has been a decision to move these hospitals in the RCSI hospital group. — Peadar Tóibín. [7933/19]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health if the satellite children's hospital at Tallaght University Hospital will be delayed; and if so, the timeline for same. — John Lahart. [7950/19]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [7953/19]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the funding channels available to an organisation (details supplied) including the next round of the National Lottery funding programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7963/19]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health the reporting mechanisms to monitor the successes and shortcomings of the telecounselling service being piloted in south County Wicklow being used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [7968/19]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health the reports which will be published on the pilot telecounselling service in south County Wicklow; when these reports will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [7969/19]

*380. 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. [7971/19]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons diagnosed on an annual basis with ASD and AAH in each CHO in tabular form; the number by age ranges (details supplied) in each of the years 2011 to 2018, by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7999/19]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health if approval for funding for a facility (details supplied) will be provided; the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [8000/19]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug known as Spinraza will be made available to persons with spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [8009/19]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary question No. 375 of 19 December 2018, the outcome of the meeting between the HSE and a service (details supplied) to identify and prioritise areas of need nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [8012/19]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for patients receiving treatment and that will need treatment for eating disorders within UK health facilities in view of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8013/19]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Centre for Eating Disorders will be included in the national children's hospital development as recommended in A Vision For Change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8014/19]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for processing applications under the nursing home support scheme in CHO area 9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8026/19]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health when Spinraza treatment will be rolled out to persons with spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8028/19]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 147 of 28 February 2018, the status of a pilot programme; if results are available from the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [8054/19]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding hospital groups here; the reason the group structure is being changed just a few years after a previous reorganisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8064/19]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a hospital appointment. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [8075/19]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a letter sent recently to the three umbrella disability bodies seeking savings of up to €500,000; the rationale for the request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [8077/19]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health if he or the HSE has written or is writing to disability organisations requesting savings to be made in their budgets; if so, the organisations concerned; the saving required from each; the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [8078/19]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances and ambulance crews stationed within County Donegal in each of the years 2010 to 2018 and to date in 2019; his future plans for

improving ambulance services within the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [8079/19]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health when a drug (details supplied) will be made available. — Sean Sherlock. [8119/19]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 131 of 31 January 2019, the status of same. — Joan Collins. [8120/19]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health if Ireland's full participation in the four pillars of the BeNeLuxA collaboration including information sharing, horizon scanning, joint assessment and joint pricing and reimbursement will require amendments to existing national legislation or statutory instruments. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [8125/19]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to undertake a regulatory impact assessment and or a cost-benefit analysis of Ireland's participation in the BeNeLuxA initiative. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [8126/19]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health if his officials have engaged with officials from other member states on the establishment of the international horizon scanning initiative; the status of progress; and if Ireland will be a participant in the initiative. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [8127/19]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the fiduciary duties of directors of Irish registered legal entities that are wholly owned subsidiaries under the Companies Act 2014 may preclude these companies from engaging in joint pricing and reimbursement negotiations that may occur as part of the BeNeLuxA collaboration; and his further views on whether this could be a barrier to Irish registered companies from engaging in future pilots joint negotiations. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [8128/19]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health when the national out of hospital cardiac arrest steering group report will be finalised and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8144/19]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health if he sought a report or update on the project and procurement process including the negotiation of the guaranteed maximum price before reappointing The National Paediatric Hospital Development Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [8146/19]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health the impact the announced reprofiling of €100 million in capital expenditure will have on the new 27 bed inpatient mental health unit to serve counties Sligo and Leitrim at Sligo University Hospital (details supplied); if the proposed completion date of quarter 4 of 2019 will be affected; the position regarding the progress of the unit; the timeline for the construction and delivery of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [8152/19]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health the provision in the contract in relation to construction tender inflation regarding the guaranteed maximum price of €1.433 billion for the construction of the national children's hospital; the agreed method of measuring construction tender inflation under the contract; the extra amount that must be paid for each 1% that construction tender inflation exceeds the agreed threshold of 4%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8153/19]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health the health capital projects which will be directly affected in view of the announced reprofiling of €100 million in capital expenditure; the delay or impact this will have on the process relevant to the delivery of the new Sheil Community Hospital development at Ballyshannon, County Donegal; the status of the project; the timeline for its construction and delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [8154/19]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health the health capital projects which will be directly affected in view of the announced reprofiling of €100 million in capital expenditure; the delay or impact this will have on the process relevant to the delivery of the new St. Patrick's Hospital development at Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim; the status of the project; the timeline for its construction and delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [8155/19]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health the methodology being applied to determine the projects to be delayed, paused or cancelled as a result of the announced reprofiling of €100 million in capital expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [8156/19]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be a delay in the delivery of a number of hospital builds (details supplied) due to the overspend in the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [8159/19]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some general practitioners in County Limerick are charging for the taking of bloods; the steps he will take to enforce the provisions of the Health Act 1970 to ensure that persons covered by the general medical services scheme are not being incorrectly charged for routine phlebotomy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [8195/19]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will remain available for the upgrade of the Sheil Community Hospital in Ballyshannon, County Donegal in view of savings required due to the overrun of costs for the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [8198/19]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made in respect of the application submitted in July 2018 by a company (details supplied) for the Translarna drug for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [8199/19]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health when the drugs committee will assess the new submission made by a company (details supplied) for the Translarna drug for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [8200/19]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [8201/19]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health if a copy of the advice given to him recommending the move to offer additional out of cycle smear tests following the CervicalCheck scandal by the Chief Medical Officer will be provided. — Louise O'Reilly. [8202/19]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made in relation to making Spinraza available to children with SMA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [8205/19]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a decision in respect of an application under the treatment abroad scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [8206/19]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health if a children's disability respite house (details supplied) services children in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [8209/19]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health his future plans for funding the necessary upgrade works at three community hospitals (details supplied) in County Donegal; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that all three projects are deferred and no new capital budget exists for these projects and that his previous replies to this Deputy on the matter are not consistent with the current position as forwarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [8211/19]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide access to the purchase of the meningitis B vaccine for children born before 2016, in particular to those with a medical card; his plans to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [8236/19]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe in which he will seek a revised decision to implement minimum unit pricing here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [8263/19]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health if a deadline for seeking a revised decision on implementing minimum unit pricing here will be set; the reason for the failure to do since the enactment of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [8264/19]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a study which shows that alcohol pricing is not the primary determinant of cross-Border shopping in view of the fact it constitutes just 12% of all spend on cross-Border trips; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [8265/19]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health the grounds upon which a person (details supplied) was refused a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8269/19]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health when a cataract operation will take place in the Mater Hospital for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8270/19]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health when a cataract operation will take place in the Mater Hospital for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8271/19]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding treatment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [8284/19]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health the timescale for the results of repeat cervical smears; the number of women in each county waiting in tabular form; the length of time they are waiting; and the reason for delays. — Niamh Smyth. [8285/19]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding an assessment of needs for a child (details supplied) in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [8298/19]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in the cross border directive unit; the number of these which are HSE staff; the number of these which are agency staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [8299/19]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received a submission seeking additional resources for the cross border directive unit; the number of staff that have been requested; when the submission was received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [8300/19]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications received by the cross border directive unit in each of the past five years; the number of these which were approved for reimbursement in each of the past five years; the amount paid in reimbursements in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [8301/19]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a procedure for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8314/19]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address an anomaly in the drugs payment scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8318/19]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the application for reimbursement for Nusinersen for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy; if he has engaged with the HSE in an effort to advance this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [8324/19]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health when respite care will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [8325/19]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health if additional home help hours which were allocated to a person (details supplied) will be put in place as soon as possible. — Robert Troy. [8329/19]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health when an action plan to implement Sláintecare will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [8335/19]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health when the opt-out organ donation legislation will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [8364/19]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the introduction of legislation to ensure safe access to premises in which termination of pregnancy services may be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [8365/19]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 161 of 24 January 2019, the number of persons waiting for orthodontic treatment by time periods (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [8366/19]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 161 of 24 January 2019, if comparable data can be supplied for each CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [8367/19]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE has yet to provide a response other than to confirm its receipt to a protected disclosure of information it received on 16 February 2018 (details supplied); the status of the disclosure and the associated investigation into the allegations contained therein; the reason none of the complainants or witnesses involved have been called upon to give evidence in relation to the disclosure; when the complainants will receive further correspondence from the HSE in relation to the disclosure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8376/19]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which two formally vacant HSE posts were filled (details supplied); if the recruitment processes and execution of same were identical with respect to both posts; if not, the reason for such variation; if interviews were part of the recruitment process to choose a successful candidate in the case of both these roles; if so, the number of candidates interviewed respectively for both; if tenure was considered in both instances as part of the formal assessment and evaluation process of the candidates; if so, the number of individual years of service the chosen candidates had accumulated, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8377/19]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health the status of pharmaceutical assistants following recommendations by a society (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [8382/19]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [8392/19]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be admitted to have an operation carried out at the Midland Hospital, Tullamore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [8402/19]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date in providing an alternative nursing facility to both St. Annes Nursing Home and Clifden Hospital in Clifden, County Galway; the details of the facilities it is proposed to provide in the new facility; if there will be two hospice beds; if there will be provision there for the administering of intravenous antibiotics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8410/19]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to cost overruns on contracts within his Department with a value in excess of €10 million that came in more than 10% over budget in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8425/19]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the recognition of fibromyalgia as a debilitating disease; the research the HSE or his Department have undertaken to better understand fibromyalgia, its symptoms and possible treatments; if there is a record of the number of persons affected by the disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [8431/19]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the cervical results for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8447/19]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health if a grant for treatment that has been approved by the Rare Disease Technical Review Committee can be denied. — Lisa Chambers. [8449/19]

*452. 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. — Robert Troy. [8491/19]

*453. 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. — Robert Troy. [8492/19]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a hospital appointment for cataract surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [8493/19]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health the number of State contracts that were not awarded to the lowest tender or bid in each year since 2011 to date in his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department; the reason the lowest tender or bid was not chosen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8808/19]

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

*456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for a perceived inconsistency regarding hunting laws here in which it is legal to hunt hares with beagles and harriers for open coursing but illegal to hunt for hares for open coursing with greyhounds and lurchers. — Clare Daly. [7672/19]

*457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an inspection and or investigation regarding the condition of sheep at a farm (details supplied) in County Kildare has been carried out; and if so, the outcome of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7673/19]

*458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a landowner can lease out land to another person if there are no issues in relation to the division of commonage (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7704/19]

*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the 70 day rule under the quality assurance scheme will be reviewed and altered (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [7748/19]

*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the 4 movement rule on cattle will be amended (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [7749/19]

*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans Bord Bia has to establish a distinctive marketing strategy for grass fed beef; if beef produced from feedlots can avail of the Bord Bia quality assurance mark; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7831/19]

*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 213 of 30 January 2019, if the application forms will be forwarded again to a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [7833/19]

*463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that the 4-movement rule on cattle is the most effective way to ensure quality assurance and the best prices for farmers; if there is evidence to show that additional movement between farms prior to slaughter affects the quality of meat; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [7834/19]

*464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 493 of 5 February 2019, when it is proposed to update the decision made on 14 November 2018 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [7857/19]

*465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the timeline and application details for the farmer low cost loans scheme which was announced in Budget 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [7862/19]

*466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payments will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [7876/19]

*467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the study into establishing the prevalence of mycoplasma bovis infection in the national herd has commenced; if the study will differentiate between feedlot produce beef and extensively produced beef; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7878/19]

*468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter regarding horse transport (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7885/19]

*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cattle slaughtered from TB programme defined feedlot herds in each of the years 2014 to 2018; his plans to differentiate beef produced from intensive feedlots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7899/19]

*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a 2018 single farm payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7904/19]

*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount which will be available to farmers to borrow under the farmer low cost loans scheme; the rate on which the funding will be made available; when these funds will be available; the funds which can be used to finance in view of the fact that the scheme was announced in Budget 2018 but is still lacking clarity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [7936/19]

*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the redesignation of land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7938/19]

*473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason farmers are disqualified for quality payments if the cattle exceed 30 months by even a day or a week in view of the fact that the product on the shelf continues to contain the quality assurance logo. — Martin Ferris. [7956/19]

*474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of GLAS payments for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7960/19]

*475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the negative impact the lariat services at French ports, including Cherbourg, is having on the beef trade here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [8228/19]

*476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to resist EU proposals to impose a 30 day pre-movement TB test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [8229/19]

*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the possibility of increasing quality lairage capacity for calf exports in Cherbourg, France to satisfy increased demand in the market will be investigated; if he will direct his officials to engage with their relevant counterparts and partners at national and regional level in France to increase lairage capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [8251/19]

*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to protect the Irish beef industry in the event of a hard Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8304/19]

*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the fact that cattle prices here have fallen below the EU average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8305/19]

*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he plans to protect livestock farmers amid growing uncertainty in relation to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8306/19]

*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the proposed €97 million cut to the CAP budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8307/19]

*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to seek exemptions on EU state aid limits on member states in view of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8308/19]

*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce a Brexit support package for farming sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8309/19]

*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he plans to ensure that beef holds its position within the UK market post-Brexit in view of the fact that there is little opportunity for market diversification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8310/19]

*485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the controls, inspections and sanctions for factories on carcass trim, classification and weights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8311/19]

*486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a centralised point which records all actions taken under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 in general and specifically in relation to notices, charges, prosecutions, convictions and sentences; if so, the location of this centralised system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8319/19]

*487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of charges, prosecutions, convictions and sentencing for each offence under the Animal Health and Welfare

Act 2013 since its inception; the number of served notices under the Act; the requirements under the notices; the outcome of these notices by region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8320/19]

*488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cases initiated under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 since its inception in the event that there is no centralised collection point of actions taken under the Act; the outcomes of these cases by notices, charges, prosecutions, convictions and sentences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8321/19]

*489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cows of UK origin slaughtered in factories here per month in 2017 and 2018, respectively and in January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [8344/19]

*490. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which his Department plans to evaluate if the CAP proposals put forward by the main farming organisations truly reflect the views of farmers; if he will allow all farmers to vote on the CAP proposals through an online system such as agfood.ie or through veterinary offices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [8345/19]

*491. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the genomic traits used in the beef data and genomics programme; the relative emphasis given to each trait to provide a figure for the genomic index; the proportion of the phenotype expression of each of these genomic traits; the genetic diseases screened for in the genomic analysis; the reliability for each disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [8405/19]

*492. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to cost overruns on contracts within his Department with a value in excess of €10 million that came in more than 10% over budget in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8415/19]

*493. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when Howth Harbour will be dredged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [8448/19]

*494. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the procedures in place for the export of specific material to Northern Ireland post-Brexit (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [8496/19]

*495. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of State contracts that were not awarded to the lowest tender or bid in each year since 2011 to date in his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department; the reason the lowest tender or bid was not chosen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8799/19]

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

*496. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when broadband will be made available in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [8488/19]

*497. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the average number of adult salmon returning annually; the amount that have come from hatchery ranched fish; and the origin of the fish returning annually. — Brian Stanley. [7691/19]

*498. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps being taken to accelerate the process of developing a mechanism to provide a support for vulnerable persons with a condition such as lifelong or long-term medical incontinence to help meet the average annual cost of disposing of their domestic waste; the way in which the introduction of GDPR has hampered the implementation of the measure; if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties this has posed for persons supporting those with conditions which require a high volume of domestic waste; the reason a pay-by-weight system was rolled out prior to the provision of a domestic waste allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [7692/19]

*499. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the average number of adult wild salmon returning annually. — Brian Stanley. [7710/19]

*500. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the provision of broadband for homes in the dark blue area of the National Broadband Plan map was discussed in the context of a new investment in fixed-line broadband made by a company (details supplied); if commitments were made to ensure availability to all homes in the dark blue area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [7711/19]

*501. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the engagement he has had with a company (details supplied) regarding its announcement of an extra 80,000 homes and businesses to be covered with broadband; and the way in which this will impact the roll out of the National Broadband Plan. — Sean Sherlock. [7713/19]

*502. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has received and plans to publish promised proposals by the ESB on the future on Moneypoint Power Station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [7765/19]

*503. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will provide a progress report on the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [7766/19]

*504. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of amendments tabled at the Council of the EU in relation to the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7768/19]

*505. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to revise Ireland's Nationally Determined Contribution for 2030 in relation to the Paris Agreement; and the percentage of greenhouse gas reduction compared to 2005 levels he would endorse. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7769/19]

*506. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether renewable natural gas has a role in the transition to a carbon-neutral economy. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7770/19]

*507. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the communication from the European Commission, A Clean Planet for all A European strategic

long-term vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7771/19]

*508. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of preparations for a long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategy which is due to be submitted to the UNFCCC secretariat in 2020 according to the obligations of the Paris Agreement. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7772/19]

*509. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there is a protocol or guidelines for his Department in relation to sharing information including amendments which are not available to the public with lobbyists, industry officials, NGOs and others during EU interinstitutional negotiations; and his views on the sharing of such information with a company (details supplied) in relation to the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7773/19]

*510. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the date on which he had first knowledge in relation to proposals by companies (details supplied) to export over 3.5 million tonnes per year of fracked gas from the United States of America to Ireland. — Clare Daly. [7806/19]

*511. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will provide all communications between his Department and a company (details supplied) or its representatives. — Clare Daly. [7807/19]

*512. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of premises contained within the intervention area for the National Broadband Plan; if changes are proposed in the intervention area in view of a recent announcement by a company (details supplied); the changes that will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [7785/19]

*513. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the removal of 80,000 to 100,000 premises from the intervention area of the National Broadband Plan will delay the completion of the tendering process; if so, the estimated delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [7786/19]

*514. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the projects which have been delayed as a result of cost overruns at the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [7792/19]

*515. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position in relation to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [7816/19]

*516. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has engaged with a local authority (details supplied) in respect of preparing a climate change adaptation strategy. — Sean Sherlock. [7819/19]

*517. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has engaged with a local authority (details supplied) in respect of preparing a climate change adaptation strategy. — Sean Sherlock. [7820/19]

*518. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has engaged with a local authority (details supplied) in respect of preparing a climate change adaptation strategy. — Sean Sherlock. [7821/19]

*519. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if broadband will be supplied to a location (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [7870/19]

*520. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if broadband will be supplied to a location (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [7881/19]

*521. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will ensure that Inland Fisheries Ireland consults with an organisation (details supplied) on the Inland Fisheries (Amendment) Act 2017; if he will ensure that Inland Fisheries Ireland has a constructive relationship with the association in future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [8010/19]

*522. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if consideration will be given to the key findings and recommendations in a report (details supplied) concerning the urgent need to improve broadband telecommunications infrastructure and mobile telephony in the Border region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8011/19]

*523. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timescale for broadband roll out for an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [8042/19]

*524. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when he plans to appoint a digital safety commissioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8059/19]

*525. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if plans for an all of Government approach to climate change have been considered as part of the Contingency Action Plan on Preparing for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union on 29 March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8060/19]

*526. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 504 of 6 February 2018, the status of the issue in relation to the annual support of €75 for persons with lifelong or long-term medical incontinence; when the scheme will be introduced to assist persons meet the average annual cost of disposal of medical incontinence products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [8174/19]

*527. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he is taking to give investors a clear indication of Ireland's commitment to the Paris Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [8232/19]

*528. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the areas in the green economy in which he plans to prioritise job creation and economic green growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [8233/19]

*529. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the relationship between the National Mitigation Plan, National Energy and Climate Plan and the All of Government Plan for Climate Disruption. — Catherine Martin. [8315/19]

*530. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to introduce a public information campaign encouraging motorists not to idle their engines at level crossings due to the additional environmental pollution and carbon emissions this creates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8317/19]

*531. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the exact conservation limits for the River Nore; the exact figure of salmon which were estimated to have entered the river in 2018; the projected number of salmon to enter the river in 2019; the way in which the numbers are trending as a result of the extensive information which is used to determine the number of salmon entering the system, in terms of numbers improving or declining and the rate at which; the estimated future date for the reopening the river for snap net fishing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [8337/19]

*532. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the salmon stock levels on the rivers Barrow and Suir; the conservation limits of salmon on the rivers; the effect this information has on projecting stock levels on the rivers; the possible future date for the reopening the rivers for fishing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [8338/19]

*533. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the 2014 snap net salmon fishing licences for the rivers Nore and Suir remain valid; if holders of these licences have an entitlement to fish should the rivers reopen for fishing of this nature in the near future; the process for the application and issuing of licences for snap net salmon fishing on the rivers Nore and Suir should the rivers reopen for fishing in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [8339/19]

*534. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if an independent review by independent marine economists will be commissioned to investigate the possibility of reopening of the rivers Nore and Suir for snap net salmon fishing and the potential for a heritage fisheries pilot scheme on the rivers Barrow, Nore and Suir; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [8342/19]

*535. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to cost overruns on contracts within his Department with a value in excess of €10 million that came in more than 10% over budget in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8418/19]

*536. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of State contracts that were not awarded to the lowest tender or bid in each year since 2011 to date in his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department; the reason the lowest tender or bid was not chosen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8801/19]

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

*537. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position in relation to changes to the motor tax renewal online system and the advance notification provided to motorists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7903/19]

*538. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeline for the construction of the proposed motorway between counties Limerick and Cork; the projected date it will be open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [7663/19]

*539. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to divert a cycle lane through Cathal Brugha Barracks; the consideration given to the security implications of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7705/19]

*540. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the areas catered for by LocalLink in County Kildare; and his plans to extend the service. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [7747/19]

*541. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of progress being made to deliver the A5/N2 road project; if an expected timeline for the completion of the project is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7775/19]

*542. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the compensation and consultation process that persons affected by the proposed BusConnects enhanced bus corridors may avail of; the way in which the process will allow persons to raise concerns as to impacts on their property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [7879/19]

*543. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount contributed by the State to the cost of building the Limerick tunnel; the amount private companies contributed to building the tunnel; his views on whether the contract entered into relating to traffic guarantees represents good value for money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [7917/19]

*544. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he expects the sports capital grants for 2019 to be allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [7925/19]

*545. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his policy priorities for the transport sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7926/19]

*546. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his policy priorities for the development of tourism based on outdoor recreation and sport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7927/19]

*547. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding blood alcohol levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O’Donovan. [7934/19]

*548. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a meeting (details supplied) took place; and if so, the outcome of this meeting between his officials and the NTA in relation to rural transport. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [7940/19]

*549. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the areas catered for by LocalLink in County Laois; and his plans to extend the service in the future. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [7954/19]

*550. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a security service is still provided on Irish Rail evening trains out of Dublin; if so, the station at which the security remains on board until; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [7955/19]

*551. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a driver test for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7957/19]

*552. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the expected start date of the Ardee bypass; if there are issues holding up the project; if there are expected issues that will cause delays on the project in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7965/19]

*553. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the final route will be selected for the Oylegate to Rosslare Europort section of the M11; when this road link will commence construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [7987/19]

*554. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the implications of the €27 million cut to his Department's budget following the over expenditure within the Department of Health; if he provided a resistance to this cut; if the budget for 2019 for his Department was defended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [7996/19]

*555. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeline for the delivery of the A5N2 motorway project following his recent decision to cut the budget for the proposed roadway in 2019; if all other options had been considered before cutting the funding for the infrastructure project for the north-west of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [7997/19]

*556. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the level of vehicle crashes and road casualties to date in 2019; the steps he and the Road Safety Authority plans to take to address the ongoing tragedies and suffering resulting from road crashes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8061/19]

*557. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the sports capital grants for 2019 will be allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [8069/19]

*558. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position in relation to the proposed runway extension at Waterford Regional Airport; if capital funding will be provided to supplement funding from Waterford City and County Council and investors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [8072/19]

*559. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the interaction he has had with a company (details supplied) since it announced the discontinuation of ferries from Rosslare Europort to France for summer 2019 in view of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [8073/19]

*560. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the costs of completing phase 2 of the Navan to Dublin rail line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8124/19]

*561. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of tachograph and licensing inspections on HGV operators and drivers carried out by the RSA in each of the years 2016 to 2018; the number of prosecutions arising from such inspections; the number of such inspections and prosecutions concerning out-of-state operators for the same period; the country of origin of such operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [8133/19]

*562. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of seriously defective HGVs detained as a consequence of roadside checks in each year since 2016; the number of out-of-state operators the trucks have been seized from; the country of origin of such operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [8134/19]

*563. 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 whether it is performing its statutory functions in an effective manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [8135/19]

*564. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if an application to the European Union for the revision of the TEN-T Core Network including the reinstatement of the cross Border Western Arc has been submitted as per the commitment outlined in the Programme for Partnership Government; the status of the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8143/19]

*565. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties students (details supplied) are having with the limited frequency of a bus service; his views on whether there is need for a increased frequency of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [8145/19]

*566. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to change the existing level crossings in the Dublin 15 area; the role of the National Transport Authority in relation to the plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [8172/19]

*567. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the changes to Luas fares in each of the years since 2012, in tabular form; the reason for an increases in the fares; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8194/19]

*568. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when a new pedestrian overbridge and pedestrian crossing on the N67 at Oranmore, County Galway will be provided (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [8258/19]

*569. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if rules with regard to the ten year cap on the age of regular taxis can be changed to bring them into line with wheelchair taxis which can be up to fifteen years old in view of the fact that all cars have to prove roadworthiness and maintain a certain standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [8259/19]

*570. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the recently announced regional and local roads grant for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [8273/19]

*571. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the 2019 national roads allocation. — Robert Troy. [8274/19]

*572. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which the 2018 local and regional roads grant was spent in 2018. — Robert Troy. [8275/19]

*573. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the rail census for 2018 will be published; his plans to accelerate investment in the heavy rail system in view of the growing

potential for passenger growth on the railways and the low carbon footprint of rail travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8408/19]

*574. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to cost overruns on contracts within his Department with a value in excess of €10 million that came in more than 10% over budget in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8430/19]

*575. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the provision of extra buses and routes to the Swords express timetable will be expedited; if he will contact the NTA regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [8494/19]

*576. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to the Parliamentary Question Nos. 82 and 83 of 12 February 2019, if the purpose of the review of the Carriage of Munitions of Weapons of War and Dangerous Goods Orders 73 and 89 is to deliver a more efficient and effective processing system with a view to reducing the administrative burden on his Department rather than an independent examination of the oversight functions of the order. — Clare Daly. [8498/19]

*577. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of State contracts that were not awarded to the lowest tender or bid in each year since 2011 to date in his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department; the reason the lowest tender or bid was not chosen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8807/19]

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

*578. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount of funding a group (details supplied) receives each year from Tusla through its membership of the new communities partnership; and the reason the funding is provided to the group. — Clare Daly. [7794/19]

*579. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the legislation under which a group (details supplied) receives funding from Tusla. — Clare Daly. [7795/19]

*580. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if Tusla has a service level agreement with an organisation (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [7796/19]

*581. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if Tusla has a service level agreement directly with a group (details supplied); if so, the service provided by the group; and the persons or group for which the service is provided. — Clare Daly. [7797/19]

*582. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the role of a person (details supplied) as trustee of a group has been approved by Tusla. — Clare Daly. [7799/19]

*583. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the average waiting time for children referred to social services to be investigated by county. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [7804/19]

*584. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her policy priorities in relation to supporting the provision of early childhood care in crèches; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7928/19]

*585. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her policy priorities in relation to supporting parents of pre-school children that opt to care for them full-time at home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7929/19]

*586. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to address the issue of redress for the small number of survivors from the Bethany homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [7951/19]

*587. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of childcare service providers that closed their services in 2018 and to date in 2019, or have indicated that they are not reopening in September 2019; the number of childcare places which will be lost due to these facilities closing by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [8137/19]

*588. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if consideration has been given to the proposal made by an organisation (details supplied) to split the historical investigations of the Mother And Baby Homes Commission of Investigation institutions from its redress considerations; and if and when same will be carried out. — Joan Collins. [8149/19]

*589. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will address a matter regarding an application by a centre (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [8151/19]

*590. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will address a matter in relation to the statutory obligation on Tusla to prepare an aftercare plan for each eligible child and young person in care, which can also include direct financial support in the form of the aftercare allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [8203/19]

*591. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to cost overruns on contracts within her Department with a value in excess of €10 million that came in more than 10% over budget in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if so, the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8417/19]

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

*592. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding schemes available to national schools for the improvement of playgrounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [7669/19]

*593. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the community enhancement programme does not allow schools to apply for funding in view of the fact that the rural equivalent and the CLÁR programme allows same; his plans to change same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [7733/19]

*594. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if Pobal will be requested to provide three full-time positions under the community services programme to a group (details supplied) in County Kerry following the submission of a business plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7809/19]

*595. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if further funding will be made available in 2019 to assist counties in carrying out local improvement scheme works in the

coming months; and the level of funding he expects to be allocated to each county council in this regard. — Robert Troy. [7943/19]

*596. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details supplied by Cork County Council in relation to mobile phone blackspots; the number of blackspots identified; the steps being taken to address these blackspots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [7964/19]

*597. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his attention has been drawn to cost overruns on contracts within his Department with a value in excess of €10 million that came in more than 10% over budget in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8428/19]

*598. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of State contracts that were not awarded to the lowest tender or bid in each year since 2011 to date in his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department; the reason the lowest tender or bid was not chosen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8806/19]

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

*599. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position in relation to pension claims by community employment scheme supervisors; the number of times the community employment Departmental forum has met since January 2018; if her attention has been drawn to the Dáil Éireann motion of April 2018 supporting the claims of community employment scheme supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [7661/19]

*600. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a working family payment application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [7665/19]

*601. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the Convention on social security between Ireland and the United Kingdom. — Sean Sherlock. [7668/19]

*602. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the payment options available to a person (details supplied) in relation to a life long illness. — Niamh Smyth. [7676/19]

*603. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of successful matches the host mailing service in her Department has made in the time since the revised protocol was put into place in October 2013 between pension scheme providers and beneficiaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7714/19]

*604. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if enquiries from persons in relation to tracing unclaimed pension entitlements comes under her aegis; if such enquiries are responded to by her Department; if the host mailing service and associated efforts are limited solely to enquiries from pension scheme administrators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7715/19]

*605. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a community employment scheme will be extended for another year in the case of a person (details supplied). — Maureen O’Sullivan. [7721/19]

*606. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 606 of 5 February 2019, the other avenues the person can explore to increase their pension (details supplied). — Bernard J. Durkan. [7725/19]

*607. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the supports available to prospective employers that may wish to employ young adult school leavers with a diagnosis such as ASD; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7793/19]

*608. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration has been given to exempting persons (details supplied) in receipt of jobseeker’s allowance from participation in JobPath in view of the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [7812/19]

*609. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an illness benefit appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [7818/19]

*610. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a back to work enterprise allowance was ceased for a person (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [7841/19]

*611. 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. — Tom Neville. [7884/19]

*612. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to address issues in relation to the six day waiting time for claimants entitlement to sick pay while absent due to sickness from work (details supplied). — Bríd Smith. [7892/19]

*613. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the rationale in relation to the wage subsidy scheme having an entry point of 21 hours work per week as the minimum; if consideration was given to those persons with a disability that are not in a position to work the minimum number of hours per week but could work for a lesser period during a week; if there has been exceptions in the administration of the scheme to allow a person to work for less than 21 hours per week and the employer being eligible to avail of the wage subsidy scheme; if the scheme will be reviewed to enable those that are not in a position to work the minimum 21 hours to do so on a case by case basis in conjunction with the local Intero office and employer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [7896/19]

*614. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a matter (details supplied) regarding a carer’s allowance post-Brexit will be clarified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7937/19]

*615. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a paper application form inviting pensioners to fill in gaps in their records will issue; when pension increases and back payment will issue; if she will address the difficulties that are being experienced on the MyWelfare.ie website; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [7948/19]

*616. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the difficulties that are being experienced on the website MyWelfare.ie will be resolved; and when a paper application form inviting pensioners to fill in gaps in their records will be issued. — Alan Kelly. [7959/19]

*617. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address the concerns that are being raised by members of a group (details supplied) in relation to when the pension increases and back payments will be issued; if she will address the difficulties being experienced on the website MyWelfare.ie; when a paper application form inviting pensioners to fill in gaps in their records will be sent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7970/19]

*618. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance for a person (details supplied). — Tom Neville. [8001/19]

*619. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the paper application forms will issue to pensioners to allow them to fill in details of gaps in their PRSI records and apply for homecare credits. — Clare Daly. [8017/19]

*620. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when all pensioners that are due an increase in pension due to the use of the contributions approach with homecare credits in calculating their pension benefits will receive the increase and back payments due to them. — Clare Daly. [8018/19]

*621. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a payment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8021/19]

*622. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on a universal basic income for all citizens; if such a proposal has been evaluated and costed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8056/19]

*623. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the first payments under the State pension review will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [8074/19]

*624. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to reinstate the State transition pension to prevent persons forced to retire at 65 years of age having to apply for jobseeker's for one year until they reach the State pensionable age of 66 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8080/19]

*625. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's benefit application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8118/19]

*626. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a review of a disability allowance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8132/19]

*627. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a social welfare payment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [8142/19]

*628. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when an illness benefit claim will be reinstated in the case of a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in processing same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [8212/19]

*629. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the supports available for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8221/19]

*630. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) based in her Department in County Louth will be replaced after the official retires in two weeks time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [8227/19]

*631. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of referrals to JobPath, community employment schemes and Tús in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [8230/19]

*632. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the cost of operating community employment schemes, JobPath, Tús and local employment services in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [8231/19]

*633. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a cost-benefit analysis of the impact that the proposed IORP II regulation would have on operation of pension schemes with less than 100 members in particular its application to one person pension schemes has been carried out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [8254/19]

*634. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the consultation she plans to undertake with relevant stakeholders in respect of the regulation required to give effect to the transposition of IORP II into law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [8255/19]

*635. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 707 of 12 February 2019, if a community employment scheme supervisor can remain on the same wages if they are transferred to a different scheme due to a merger and are demoted in title to assistant supervisor; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [8343/19]

*636. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of rent supplement tenancies at the end of 2018; and the cost of the scheme in 2018, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8375/19]

*637. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an illness benefit payment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [8380/19]

*638. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the revision of a case (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8393/19]

*639. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to cost overruns on contracts within his Department with a value in excess of €10 million that came in more than 10% over budget in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if so, the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8422/19]

*640. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applications awaiting a decision in respect of the various social welfare entitlements; the number on appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8434/19]

*641. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which original decisions are overturned on appeal in respect of the various categories of social welfare payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8435/19]

*642. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which she expects to be in a position to address the pensions issue for persons that have gaps in their contribution record for whatever with a view to ensuring the availability of a payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8436/19]

*643. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which she expects to be in a position to address the pension concerns of women that have taken time off from their employment to rear their families and subsequently gone back to work with the result of having an insufficient profile of contributions to qualify for the State pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8437/19]

*644. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of exceptional needs payments made in each of the past five years to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8438/19]

*645. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of old age pensioners in receipt of a pension in each of the past five years to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8439/19]

*646. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to address the issue of persons that are divorced in other jurisdictions and subsequently married here that are unable to qualify for widower's pension due to the non-recognition of a foreign divorce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8440/19]

*647. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the basis on which some divorcees that have divorced abroad are legally entitled to enter into a legal marriage contract here which presumably recognised their entitlement to marry but at a later date are refused a widow's or widower's pension on the basis of non-recognition of the divorce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8441/19]

*648. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which adequate provisions are being made to ensure that recipients of a social welfare payment continue to receive their entitlement uninterrupted in cases in which the entitlement is dependent on contributions in the UK and here regardless of whether they are domiciled here or in the UK with particular reference to the post-Brexit situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8443/19]

*649. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the manner in which investigations into overpayments are carried out will be reviewed to ensure strict adherence to due process and natural justice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8444/19]

*650. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which due process and natural justice remains paramount in the context of dealing with social welfare recipients, the cases of which have come under review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8445/19]

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

*651. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to commence the remaining sections of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2018 in particular section 8, in view of the fact it is holding up roadworks to access forests, grant payments and the supply of timber to sawmills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [7677/19]

*652. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position regarding local authority water services workers and Irish Water; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8066/19]

*653. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address matters in relation to the case of a person (details supplied). — Billy Kelleher. [7708/19]

*654. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans for increasing housing supply in the South Dublin County Council area; the timeframe for same (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [7891/19]

*655. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 272 and 273 of 7 February 2019, the funding provided to approved housing bodies under each scheme (details supplied) in each of the years 2011 to 2018, in tabular form. — Bríd Smith. [7893/19]

*656. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of housing units provided for social housing and by an approved housing body for other accommodation needs in each of the years 2011 to 2018 in schemes in circumstances (details supplied). — Bríd Smith. [7894/19]

*657. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of standard and priority allocations refused by social housing applicants for each local authority in 2017 and 2018; and if the figures will be provided as a percentage of total allocations for each council. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7907/19]

*658. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the length of time applications for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme are taking to be processed in each county council area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [7952/19]

*659. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 595 of 29 January 2019, if projects for Galway city have been approved under the

serviced sites fund 2018; if so, the details of the projects; if proposals from Galway City Council are under consideration; if so, when a decision will be made in respect of the proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8041/19]

*660. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of proposed regulations on a company (details supplied); if there will be exceptions made for rural tourist areas that are not in rent pressure zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [8055/19]

*661. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of houses built by local authorities in counties Cavan and Monaghan from 2013 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number planned to be built in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8204/19]

*662. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of affordable houses to be provided in Dublin city and county in 2019; the way in which the scheme will operate; the estimated price of the affordable houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [8238/19]

*663. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of applications for funding received by local authorities under the single step approval scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [8239/19]

*664. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of properties offered and secured under the repair and lease scheme by each local authority in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [8240/19]

*665. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the effectiveness of the vacant site levy; the sites under development as a direct result of this initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [8241/19]

*666. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding allocated to each local authority in each of the years 2015 to 2018 with respect to refurbishing voids, purchasing properties, building new units and for HAP in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [8302/19]

*667. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of applications by category A and B projects made under the Project Ireland 2040 urban regeneration and development fund to date by county; the number of successful and unsuccessful project applications per category that applied for funding per county; the successful projects per county that have been approved for funding per category; the value of funding approved for each such project; when successful applicants will receive funding in 2019; the amount allocated for the fund in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [8303/19]

*668. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to introduce legislation which would give local authorities power to address a situation in which a resident's right to light is blocked from neighbouring trees when these trees are on private land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8316/19]

*669. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his Department has undertaken or overseen an assessment of the tailored training programme for elected members of

local authorities announced on the 23 May 2014 as part of the programme of local government reforms announced in 2014. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8328/19]

*670. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he is taking to assist Fingal County Council in completing the taking in charge process of the remaining areas of Ongar village and environs in Dublin 15 (details supplied); and if the taking in charge of public roads and pavements in Ongar village which remain under the nominal control of developers in receivership will be prioritised or enforced. — Róisín Shortall. [8330/19]

*671. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding provided to local authorities for the taking in charge of new developments by local authority. — Róisín Shortall. [8331/19]

*672. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which local authorities are assisted to minimise the length of time newly created residential areas remain out of the charge of local authorities; and the targets set down in terms of taking in charge new residential areas. — Róisín Shortall. [8332/19]

*673. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to publish the annual local authority homelessness financial reports for 2018. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8340/19]

*674. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the Traveller accommodation allocations for each local authority for 2018; and the drawdown to date for each local authority in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8361/19]

*675. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of the 2,610 social housing acquisitions in 2018 that were purchased vacant; and the number purchased with social housing tenants in situ. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8362/19]

*676. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of the 560 voids included in the 2018 social housing output figures were vacant for more than six months. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8363/19]

*677. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the value and number of HAP payments made in each of the years 2016 to 2018, by county in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [8369/19]

*678. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount each local authority returned unspent in housing adaption grants, housing aid for the elderly and mobility grants by county in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [8370/19]

*679. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of houses bought previously occupied, bought under a turn key development or constructed in each of the years 2016 to 2018, by county in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [8371/19]

*680. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there is leeway on the income thresholds for housing adaptation grants under exceptional circumstances. — Robert Troy. [8372/19]

*681. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the timeframe for approval in cases in which a local authority submits approval for turnkey development; and the funding options for same. — Robert Troy. [8373/19]

*682. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of HAP, RAS and SHCEP tenancies at the end of 2018; and the cost per scheme in that year in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8374/19]

*683. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if housing service plans (details supplied) have been agreed; and if not, the timeframe for the compiling of the plans by each local authority. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8385/19]

*684. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if local authorities have drawn up a plan for refurbishing their housing stock (details supplied); if the reports will be provided; and if plans have not been drawn up, the timeframe for the completion of same. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8386/19]

*685. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if housing conditions (details supplied) have been resolved; and if a report confirming same will be provided. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8387/19]

*686. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a progress report on each of the regeneration programmes (details supplied) will be provided; the number of tenants that have benefitted from the regeneration programmes; and the number that remain in council accommodation awaiting regeneration. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8388/19]

*687. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps that have been taken by local authorities to assess the adequacy and condition of local authority housing (details supplied); and the enforcement actions taken against local authorities in relation to housing standards and conditions. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8389/19]

*688. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on whether there is a conflict of interest in cases in which the local authority is both the enforcement agency and the landlord at the same time; and his plans to rectify the matter in the near future. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8390/19]

*689. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a survey of the condition of housing stock has been completed by local authorities; if the report of same will be provided; and the further action taken to address the issues of concern raised in the decision by the European Committee of Social Rights (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8391/19]

*690. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to cost overruns on contracts within his Department with a value in excess of €10 million that came in more than 10% over budget in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8426/19]

*691. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to implement the recommendations of the Kenny Report on the price of building land particularly those recommendations which relate to the control of the price of land in view of the housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [8485/19]

*692. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of State contracts that were not awarded to the lowest tender or bid in each year since 2011 to date in his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department; the reason the lowest tender or bid was not chosen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8804/19]

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

*693. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans in relation to the culling of seals (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7675/19]

*694. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the family of a person (details supplied) who applied for compensation under the turf cutting compensation scheme will qualify for compensation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7726/19]

*695. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding available in relation to the maintenance of celtic crosses (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7682/19]

*696. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the grants available for both mainstream and non-mainstream music education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [7989/19]

*697. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of non-mainstream music education bursary schemes for 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [8150/19]

*698. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans for the restoration of a building (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8334/19]

*699. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta an raibh aon chomhráití aici leis an Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála maidir le hiarratas a dhéanamh chuig na hÚdaráis sa Vatacán chun iarracht eile a dhéanamh teacht ar chnámhá Aoidh Uí Neill i Séipéal San Pietro sa Róimh, mar gheall ar an tábhacht stairiúil a bhaineann le hAodh Ó Néill; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8409/19]

*700. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to cost overruns on contracts within her Department with a value in excess of €10 million that came in more than 10% over budget in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if so, the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8419/19]

*701. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the salary budget allocated by her Department and all agencies under her aegis in each of the years January 2015 to December 2018; the drawdown of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8446/19]

*702. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of State contracts that were not awarded to the lowest tender or bid in each year since 2011 to date in her Department

or bodies under the aegis of her Department; the reason the lowest tender or bid was not chosen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8802/19]

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

1. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the terms of the payment and availability scheme for approved housing bodies; and the amount paid out to housing bodies under the scheme. — Brian Stanley. [8289/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he is satisfied that the supply of new local authority housing is meeting demand. — Mick Barry. [8476/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he will take in view of the findings of the European Committee on Social Rights that Ireland remains in violation of the European Social Charter on five grounds for Travellers by failing to redress insufficient provision and inadequate quality of Traveller accommodation, in legislation and practice and in circumstances in which Travellers were threatened with evictions and without the necessary safeguards. — Dessie Ellis. [8481/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reports he is considering changing the rules in relation to offers of accommodation to social housing applicants which may result in an applicant being suspended from the list if they refuse two offers of accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8178/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government her views on the CSO house build completion data for 2018; and the steps he is taking to ensure house building targets for 2019 are reached in view of the fact the 2018 figures show that they were 40% below target for 2018. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8454/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of Traveller specific accommodation built in 2018; and the targets in place for 2019 and 2020. — Joan Collins. [8381/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to rectify as a matter of urgency fire safety for Travellers in circumstances in which fire safety regulation exemptions on temporary emergency sites exists and there is no time limit on such sites remaining as temporary in view of the Carrickmines fire inquest. — Gerry Adams. [8394/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the allocations of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan; if further allocations will become available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [8475/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the efforts being made to have approved housing bodies reclassified as off-balance sheet. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8453/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he is satisfied that the changes introduced in the Planning and Development Amendment Act 2018 specifically the removal of provisions in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2018 relating to reduced rates of vacant site levy being applied in situations in which a site loan exceeds specific percentages of the market value of a vacant site are working as intended; if there has been an increase in the number of sites being placed on the register following the removal of the exemptions; if he is satisfied that local authorities applying the most up to date version of the vacant site levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [8469/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the fact that the land development agency is not accessible under freedom of information; if information relating to the work of the agency to date on the number of staff employed, external advisors employed and fees associated with both staff and external advisors will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [8470/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of applications for the Project Ireland 2040 urban regeneration fund; the status of the applications; the value of grants that will be issued in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [8293/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to address the lack of housing in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8185/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of new homes provided by local authorities in 2018 under the various categories of provision including build, lease, voids refurbishing and acquisition by local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [8245/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his Department has contacted Dublin City Council in relation to cost-benefit and opportunity cost studies of significant vacant lands under the control of the authority which have been earmarked for social and affordable housing for decades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8187/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to publish the review of the tenant purchase (incremental) scheme 2016; his further plans to change the scheme to make it more attractive; the number of houses purchased under the scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8396/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on whether legislation allowing developers to deliver 10% of social housing units required per development off site is acceptable in the housing emergency in Dublin and nationally; if the legislation relating to this exemption will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [8472/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the actions he will take to reduce rents to affordable levels in view of the fact that rent increases in most of the country in 2018 were multiples of the rent pressure zone limits. — Mick Barry. [8479/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the rationale for the 44% underspend in the Traveller accommodation budget for 2018; and the efforts he is making to ensure that there is a 100% draw down of funding by local authorities in 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8452/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the actions he is taking to alleviate the escalating rents in the private rental sector in counties Laois and Offaly. — Brian Stanley. [8290/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the establishment of the MICA redress scheme; the planned commencement date of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [8179/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of the recent announcement of the MICA redress scheme; the date in 2019 from which homes will be repaired under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [8180/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he is satisfied that none of the renovated voids completed in 2018 were leased to tenants prior to renovation. — Mick Barry. [8478/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position regarding the commercial rates Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [8458/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which he can address concerns of residents in areas that have seen large developments of housing stock while ensuring targets are being reached in the Rebuilding Ireland programme; the success of the programme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [8399/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress being made on reducing the social housing waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8196/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of houses allocated to families on the various local authority housing lists in the course of 2018; the expectation in this regard in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8432/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the compulsory purchase powers the new land agency will have for the procurement of underutilised private land for the provision of housing. — Eamon Ryan. [8456/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of meetings he has had with the Pyrite Remediation Board and the Housing Agency in relation to the pyrite

remediation scheme since 2016 with particular reference to the key aspects of the scheme addressed at those meetings. — Clare Daly. [8401/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of rapid build housing units that have been constructed to date and occupied; the number of additional units expected to be completed before the end of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [8183/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the expressions of interest received by the end of October 2018 for the enhanced long term social housing leasing scheme; the number of housing units he expects the scheme to yield by each local authority in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [8184/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the reform of water services including the creation of a single utility and a referendum to enshrine water in public ownership. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8451/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to hold referendums in 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [4260/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of direct build social houses delivered by all 31 local authorities in 2018 excluding those built by approved housing bodies and Part V; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [8471/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of applications to the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme processed by the Housing Agency; the number recommended by the agency; the number refused; the number sent back for further information; the amount recommended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [8296/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the action he has taken in relation to the continued failure of the Pyrite Remediation Board to bring forward a resolution to issues in relation to the interpretation of sections 15 and 17 of the Pyrite Resolution Act 2013. — Clare Daly. [8400/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of staff he expects to be seconded from NAMA and the NTMA to the land development agency; if he has had discussions with the Minister for Finance and his officials in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [8473/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the plans to change the policy on offers of social housing to require a five year wait for a further offer if two are refused will be clarified; his views on whether some flexibility is required in circumstances in which there are valid reasons for offers being refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [8243/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of new build social houses constructed in Galway city and county in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [8483/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to fully prepare for extreme weather events in 2019 (details supplied); if his Department is monitoring the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [3139/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the annual cost in 2017, 2018 and projected for 2019 of HAP, RAS, rent supplement and all other housing assistance payments to landlords; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [8484/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address the situation by which landlords in the private rental market seek the deposit and first months rent in advance of handing over the property while the housing assistance payment is issued to the end of the month when a tenant could already be in the property for three weeks and thereby bringing issuing of the housing assistance payment more into line with the private rental market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8482/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he will publish regulations for the affordable purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [8292/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to increase the number of social and affordable houses in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [8384/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he is satisfied with the level of readiness of local authorities and the implementation oversight group ahead of the Cork city and county boundary changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8474/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of local authority dwellings that were refurbished in 2018 under the voids programme by local authority; if the funds originally allocated to each local authority were drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [8246/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of houses acquired and purchased by Cavan and Monaghan county councils from 2013 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8197/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of adults and children, respectively that accessed local authority managed emergency accommodation in January 2019. — Mick Barry. [8477/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the situation facing residents at a location (details supplied); if the local authority has raised the case with his Department; and if supports will be provided for the affected tenants. — Seán Crowe. [8253/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the conflict between the legally binding SDZ North Lotts plan in Dublin 1 and the recent Ministerial guidelines on building height; and if his attention has been drawn to a commercial advantage for developers that pursue his guidelines over developers that adhere to the legally binding SDZ. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [8398/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of local authority houses built in 2018 in each local authority. — Joan Collins. [8368/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the thresholds for entitlement to social housing will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8177/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which he plans to utilise the cost rental model of housing; the timeline and quantity for which he plans to utilise this model for the provision of homes in the next five years. — Eamon Ryan. [8455/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to address fire safety for Travellers in circumstances in which fire safety regulation exemptions on temporary emergency sites exist and there is no time limit on such sites remaining as temporary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [8244/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of applications made since the introduction of the mortgage to rent scheme; the number of applications successfully granted since the introduction of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [8295/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the quality standards framework inspection regime for emergency homeless accommodation; and when the framework will be in place. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8450/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the review of social housing eligibility; when the review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [8291/19]