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CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Brendan Howlin. [5375/19]
2. 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]
3. 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]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he has met church leaders recently. — Micheál Martin. [5680/19]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meetings with Church leaders. — Brendan Howlin. [6510/19]
6. 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]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on recent or planned meetings with church leaders. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8378/19]
8. 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]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Mary Lou McDonald. [7984/19]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met; and when it will meet again. — Joan Burton. [8084/19]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) met on 31 January 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [8225/19]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8379/19]
13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

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

18. 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]

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

20. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when a referendum will be held regarding the State affording constitutional protection to the supply of water services; the status of preparations to hold a referendum in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [8531/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the new affordable housing scheme will be published; the income limits of the new scheme; the local authorities which will be using the scheme; when it will be available for applications; the targets for the number of affordable rental and affordable purchase homes to be delivered in 2019, 2020 and 2021; and the number of such homes to be delivered in the Ringsend SDZ and the various pathfinder sites across Dublin city and county. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8670/19]

22. 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]

23. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he will take to counter price setting by institutional landlords (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [8671/19]

24. 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]

**CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

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

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*80. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which the CSO acquire data on the price of motor insurance; and if staff working for the office identify themselves as a representatives of the CSO when requesting such data from a company. — Pearse Doherty. [8521/19]

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

*81. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of the tender process for the replacement of the CASA maritime patrol aircraft; when it is expected that a preferred aircraft will be identified; the sum of money allocated for the replacement in the 2019 estimates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [8581/19]

*82. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the progress made on implementing all aspects of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 to 2030 that are relevant to his Department and bodies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8617/19]

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

*83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason an embassy (details supplied) sponsored an event at which persons were not permitted to attend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8546/19]

*84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [8551/19]

*85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress made on implementing all aspects of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 to 2030 that are relevant to his Department and bodies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8621/19]

*86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the issues discussed at his recent meeting in Belfast with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the political parties; the outcome of such discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8733/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*87. To ask the Minister for Finance the rationale for the increase from a 0% to 23% rate of VAT on health foods and supplements; his views on whether it is justified; his further views on whether this may detrimentally affect health of users of such supplements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [8727/19]

*88. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding appointments to a board (details supplied) in view of his request in May 2018; and the applicants being considered for same. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [8530/19]

*89. To ask the Minister for Finance if the 23% VAT increase on all vitamins, minerals and food supplements on health and financial grounds will be reversed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [8547/19]

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the increased number of staff in NAMA that earn more than €100,000 per annum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [8579/19]

*91. 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 sea ports here in the past ten years; the amount of cash returned to persons on appeal to the Revenue Commissioners annually by port and amounts issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8602/19]

*92. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of cash seized from persons exiting and entering the State by the Revenue Commissioners enforcement officers by way of electronic funds transfers in the past 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. [8603/19]

*93. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress made on implementing all aspects of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 to 2030 that are relevant to his Department and bodies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8620/19]

*94. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to situations by which persons that may need to go into a nursing home are seeing insurance companies in some instances increasing their house insurance premiums by nearly four times the original amount in addition to requesting that the electricity and water be turned off; if legislation can be brought forward which would allow a person that had to go into a nursing home to get public liability cover for their home in case of intruders on their property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [8638/19]

*95. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he will take with the Revenue Commissioners to reverse the decision to place a 23% VAT rate on all food supplements including vitamins, minerals, probiotics and fish oils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8653/19]

*96. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether a tax on products that will have a positive impact on health goes against the Healthy Ireland Initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8654/19]

*97. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the VAT rate of 23% on all food supplements if implemented could lead to the closures of health food stores and the loss of jobs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8655/19]

*98. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners are satisfied that a person (details supplied) has supplied sufficient evidence to show that they reside in County Derry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8734/19]

*99. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners are satisfied that a person (details supplied) is resident in County Derry; the reason the person was issued a compromise release term to release a seized vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8735/19]

*100. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will request that insurers agree commitments to reduce prices in line with reforms introduced using a template (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8754/19]

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

*101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of all contacts which were made by an office (details supplied) in respect of cost overruns of the national children's hospital. — Róisín Shortall. [8584/19]

*102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress made on implementing all aspects of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 to 2030 that are relevant to his Department and bodies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8625/19]

*103. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the additional costs in terms of inflation and other costs that will be incurred as a result of delays to infrastructure projects in view of the overrun in the cost of the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8769/19]

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

*104. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if extra ASD classes in the Dublin 7 area will be provided due to the shortage and high demand for such classes. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8511/19]

*105. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the options available to a person (details supplied) in relation to a higher education grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8526/19]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the pupil-teacher ratio inequity gaps that exist in classes between junior and senior DEIS schools such as a school (details supplied); the steps he is taking to remove this gap in order that pupils in senior

DEIS schools can continue to benefit from the lower pupil-teacher ratio in place in the junior school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [8554/19]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the opening of a school (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [8564/19]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress made on implementing all aspects of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 to 2030 that are relevant to his Department and bodies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8618/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an immigration levy is payable for non-EEA national students with children attending State schools; if so, the amount of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [8648/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of building works at a new school (details supplied); and when the school will open. — Thomas Byrne. [8738/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding has been approved for extensions to schools (details supplied); if so, when work will commence on the projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [8751/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will on report on planning permission for the new post-primary school in Charlesland, County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [8752/19]

*113. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details of patronage of the new post-primary school in Charlesland, County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [8753/19]

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

*114. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will address matters (details supplied) in relation to the services directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8567/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason the 2014 EU consumer protection guidelines for online gambling have not been implemented in view of a recent study carried out by a person (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [8545/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if consideration has been given to carrying out a survey of victims of crime that engage with the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal with a view to ascertaining if those that engage experience a process of secondary victimisation or trauma due to the set-up of the system. — Clare Daly. [8586/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if all staff of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal receive specialist training in dealing with victims of crime; and if not, the reason therefor. — Clare Daly. [8587/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he is taking to clear the backlog of cases that has built up in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal. — Clare Daly. [8588/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the rationale for granting the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal a fixed budget of €4 million per year in view of the fact that this sum is perceived as insufficient to cover the quantum of annual payouts by the body. — Clare Daly. [8589/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount of cash seized and or frozen from persons exiting and entering the State by the Garda cyber crime bureau by way of electronic funds transfers in the past five years; the amount of cash returned to persons on appeal annually by amounts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8604/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 126 of 7 February 2019, if the MABS/Abháile scheme will be broadened to include analysing mortgage accounts to examine if the accounts were run correctly and to establish if the product was suitable for the distressed families or if the accounts have been affected by the tracker scandal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [8608/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress made on implementing all aspects of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 to 2030 that are relevant to his Department and bodies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8624/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of start-up entrepreneur applications received in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number approved by year; and the number rejected by year. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [8646/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an applicant under the start-up entrepreneur programme is required to demonstrate a minimum level of assets in addition to the sum to be invested in the start-up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [8647/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the report in relation to unlicensed security personnel will be published. — Carol Nolan. [8665/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on whether the PSA should be provided additional sanctioning and investigative powers to deal with the aggressive behaviour or potential aggressive behaviour of security personnel involved in the repossession of homes, farms and other property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8666/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to review the cost of obtaining Irish citizenship with a view to reducing the cost for adult non-widows, widowers and surviving civil partners of Irish citizens in view of the fact that it is prohibitive for many potential applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8722/19]

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

*128. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on whether businesses are adequately prepared for all eventualities on 29 March 2019 in relation to Brexit. — Michael Moynihan. [8040/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the progress made on implementing all aspects of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 to 2030 that are relevant to her Department and bodies under her remit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8613/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for a work permit in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8631/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she or her officials have discussed or outlined the number of companies that have located here from the UK since Brexit was announced. — Micheál Martin. [8466/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*132. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of purchasing and staffing one air ambulance to run 24/7, 365 days a year. — Louise O'Reilly. [8577/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health when a new transport allowance will be introduced to replace the mobility allowance that was ceased in 2013. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [8740/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health when funding for homecare packages will be made available in an area (details supplied). — Mary Lou McDonald. [8512/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no investigation has been conducted over the past nine months since ambulance staff were suspended (details supplied); when an investigation will commence; and the expected duration of same. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8514/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health when transport to and from hospital will be re-facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8528/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health when necessary additional home help hours will be awarded in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8529/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the business case submitted by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [8542/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on waiting lists for ENT appointments in County Mayo. — Louise O'Reilly. [8543/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults on waiting lists for ENT appointments in County Mayo. — Louise O'Reilly. [8544/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary question No. 372 of 29 January 2019, the rota of consultant presence for the emergency department on Saturdays and Sundays at UHW from January to December 2018. — Mary Butler. [8552/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a person (details supplied) will be waiting for cataract surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8553/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health if consultant cardiologists provided consultant presence on Saturdays and Sundays in the emergency department at UHW from January to December 2018. — Mary Butler. [8555/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the length of time it has taken to fill the CEO post in the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland following the departure of a person (details supplied) and the stepping down of another person pending a recruitment campaign; and the person holding the post at present. — Clare Daly. [8559/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on legal fees by the Nursing and Midwifery Board since 2015 on fitness to practice and industrial relations issues. — Clare Daly. [8560/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to evidence provided in early January 2019 by a person (details supplied) at a constructive dismissal case taken against the NMBI; and the steps he will take to investigate the allegations. — Clare Daly. [8561/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of employing 1, 10 and 100 non-consultant hospital doctors, respectively in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [8568/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reversing FEMPI for general practice. — Louise O'Reilly. [8569/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health the number public health nurses employed by the HSE in each of the years 2011 to 2018, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [8571/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of employing 1, 10 and 100 public health nurses, respectively. — Louise O'Reilly. [8572/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Health the capital cost of a nursing home bed; the estimated fully absorbed cost of a nursing home bed including staff, ancillary services and running costs; and the capital costs associated with opening new nursing home beds. — Louise O'Reilly. [8575/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of funding and implementing the national maternity strategy. — Louise O'Reilly. [8576/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of abolishing the €100 charge for the use of emergency departments and the €75 per day charge for inpatient care in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [8574/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid out under the European health insurance scheme in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Louise O'Reilly. [8573/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the approval of the drug Spinraza in respect of persons suffering from spinal muscular atrophy. — Kevin O'Keefe. [8578/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health the contacts which were made by an office (details supplied) in respect of cost overruns of the national children's hospital. — Róisín Shortall. [8583/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health if the proposals by a society (details supplied) to make major changes to the position of pharmacists assistants which it is lodging with his Department again, will be rejected in view of the fact that it will make the position of many assistants nationally untenable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [8590/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health when the next tranche of publicly advertised primary care centres for third party operation lease will be announced; when a centre will open at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8605/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health his plans and the preparations that have taken place by his Department and his counterparts in Northern Ireland in relation to the EU cross-Border directive as part of Brexit preparedness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [8607/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the creation of a neuro nurse in University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8611/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on implementing all aspects of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 to 2030 that are relevant to his Department and bodies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8622/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new therapy posts (details supplied) that have been filled to date; when all 100 posts will be filled; the breakdown of posts between assessment of need waiting lists for children with disabilities, personal assistance and home support service hours, residential places and respite places; the details of the additional posts by region and county in tabular form; and the assessment of needs waiting lists by county and CHO area for children with disabilities in tabular form. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [8634/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health the dates on which the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board requested or advised their reappointment to his office; and when he reappointed the board. — Jonathan O'Brien. [8642/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health if meetings were held between him and members of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board in the month before the reappointment of the board at the end of July 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [8643/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health if correspondence took place between the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board and him regarding the progress of the national children's hospital project and its cost profile in the month before the reappointment of the board at the end of July 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [8644/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health if meetings were held or correspondence took place between him and a person (details supplied) regarding the national children's hospital in 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [8645/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary care centres in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the services being provided at each location; his plans for an enhancement of services at these locations; when the new services will be on stream; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8649/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [8720/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment with a neurologist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8729/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to approve the FreeStyle Libre scanner for children with diabetes on the long term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [8744/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to add further illnesses to be covered under the long term illness list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [8745/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health when a hospital bed will be provided for a person (details supplied) in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [8755/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 668 of 15 January 2019, when such a position will be readvertised in UHK (details supplied); when the service will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8756/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of the drug Kuvan for phenylketonuria; the reason it has not been provided to patients as recommended by the HSE drugs group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [8758/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a radiology appointment in Temple Street Children's University Hospital; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52; and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Anne Rabbitte. [8759/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a radiology appointment in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Anne Rabbitte. [8760/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a radiology appointment in Tallaght Children's University Hospital; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Anne Rabbitte. [8761/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8765/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health if an operation required by a person (details supplied) will be arranged at the Mater Hospital; the reason for the delay in dealing with the person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [8772/19]

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

*180. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason persons are being informed that 60,000 calves will be exported in view of the fact the structure only allows for 38,000 calves to be exported; the person or body that will deal with the exportation of the remaining 22,000 calves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [8556/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason bovine feedlots are allowed here; the locations to which the cattle from the feedlots are sent; if the cattle are exported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [8557/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the person or body that owns the largest feedlots here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [8558/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made on implementing all aspects of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 to 2030 that are relevant to his Department and bodies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8612/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of carcasses graded by mechanical machine before it was found to be out of sync rechecked to determine if their respective grades were accurate on occasions when a mechanical grading machine in a meat processing plant was found to be working out of sync and the factory reverted to manual grading; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [8636/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 526 of 12 February 2019, the number of carcasses checked at the start of each day to ensure the machine is operating within the limits in view of the fact that the return to service protocol of mechanical grading machines require at least 100 carcasses to be checked to make sure that they are working within the legal tolerances; the person or body that oversees this protocol; the location it is recorded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [8637/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a comprehensive package of market supports and direct aid from the EU will be made available to farmers to cover the cost a hard Brexit and the losses already incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8656/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether current EU intervention and APS support measures are not adequate; the additional measures sought in the context of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8657/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the new market disturbance measures under EU Regulation 1308/13, Article 219/221 are required in the context of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8658/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he has taken to ensure that beef holds its position in the UK market in view of the fact that there is no comparable, alternative market with the onset of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8659/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to ensure that the EU provide support of €20 per animal for each 5 cent per kg price drop with the onset of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8660/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to ensure that EU state aid limits on member states are set aside; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8661/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he will take to ensure that controls are increased in addition to inspections and sanctions for factories on carcass trim, classification and weights. — Carol Nolan. [8662/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that availed of solar grants in counties Laois and Offaly in respect of installing solar panels on outhouses and buildings other than domestic dwellings. — Carol Nolan. [8663/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he will take to ensure that a fair price is attained at factories for quality suckler stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8664/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to extend the deadline by which beef suckler farmers must apply for the BEEP scheme beyond 22 February 2019 due to lack of awareness among farmers in respect of the scheme; the steps he has taken to ensure there is a sufficient level of awareness among beef suckler farmers regarding the deadline for receipt of applications for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [8668/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a supplementary TAMS payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [8721/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 535, 536 and 537 of 12 February 2019, the corresponding inspection figures for 2017; the number of machines operating outside of tolerance not identified by inspections that required the calibration to be checked by staff from his Department before mechanical grading recommenced in 2017 and 2018, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [8728/19]

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

*198. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a query (details supplied) will receive a response. — Joe Carey. [8515/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the roll out of the National Broadband Plan at a location (details supplied); if broadband will be connected in view of the number of houses in the area that have already been connected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [8516/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will consider placing a moratorium on the development of windfarms until guidelines are in place. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [8522/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress made on implementing all aspects of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 to 2030 that are relevant to his Department and bodies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8615/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [8746/19]

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

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a query in relation to a road (details supplied) will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [8533/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the final cost of the abandoned Galway city outer bypass project by category of expense such as planning and design, legal costs, environmental impact studies and so on; the estimated cost of the project when it was originally commenced; the original estimated timeframe for completion of the project; the length of time that elapsed from when the road was initially announced until it was formally abandoned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [8562/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the spend on the N6 Galway city transport project to date by category of expense; the date the project was formally announced; the estimated completion date; the estimated final cost of the road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [8563/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has discussed removal of the A5 funding with his British counterpart. — Micheál Martin. [8033/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the mediator providing mediation services in relation to a dispute (details supplied); the name of the mediator; the powers under which they were appointed; if copies of the terms of reference and objectives of the mediation process will be provided; the timeframe for negotiations and mediation; the projected cost of the mediation; the funding stream that will fund same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [8606/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress made on implementing all aspects of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 to 2030 that are relevant to his Department and bodies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8628/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Irish Coastguard no longer has the ability to use blue lights in emergency situations; the road traffic provisions for all emergency drivers and vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8633/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason Ireland did not apply for the revision of the TEN-T core network including applying for the reinstatement of the cross-Border Western Arc in the first three months as promised in the Programme for Partnership Government almost three years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [8639/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the Western Arc route is being excluded from the TEN-T core network in order to ensure funding is available for the development

of the Dublin Metro; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [8640/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 923 of 15 January 2019, the expected publication date for the NTA transport plan for Newbridge, County Kildare. — Imelda Munster. [8669/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the waiting time to sit a driver test per county in tabular form; the average waiting time to sit a driver test; the number of persons per county at the end of January 2019 waiting to sit a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [8736/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of driver test inspectors allocated by county up to January 2018 and to the end of January 2019, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [8737/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of taxi plates in County Kildare and in each county nationally in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [8743/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated cost per year of removing the fee for the national car test excluding retests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8757/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of each of the tolls here; the name of the company that has the contract for each toll; and when each contract for each toll expires. — Imelda Munster. [8771/19]

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

*218. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding supports available for renovations for a childcare facility (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [8591/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated cost of increasing universal subsidy levels under the affordable childcare scheme by increments of 50 cent up to an increase of €7.00 per hour in tabular form. — Anne Rabbitte. [8609/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated cost of increasing the number of weeks of the ECCE scheme by increments of two weeks up to 52 weeks per year in tabular form. — Anne Rabbitte. [8610/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the progress made on implementing all aspects of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 to 2030 that are relevant to her Department and bodies under her remit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8614/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 33 of 13 February 2019, when the review by HIQA of the NRP commenced; when it ceased; if a copy of the review will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [8748/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 33 of 13 February 2019, the timeline for the implementation of the action plan to identify the best governance solution for the NPR submitted by her Department to HIQA; the status of action plan; the person or body that prepared the action plan; if a copy will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [8749/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 33 of 13 February 2019, the consideration being given to placing the NPR on a statutory footing; the basis on which such a consideration is founded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [8750/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of level 5, 6, 7 and 8 childcare workers supported under the learner fund in 2017 and 2018, in tabular form; the average funding provided to workers seeking levels 5, 6, 7 and 8; and the percentage of the training cost covered by the funding. — Anne Rabbitte. [8770/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on the issues raised by a cross county community childcare forum regarding its concerns relative to the childcare and aftercare compliance reports for 2018 and 2019; her plans to deal with the inability of the group to re-register up to 49 children in its creche and after-school care services due to the compliance reports; if the solutions put forward by the forum will be considered and funding provided when needed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [8774/19]

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

*227. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress made on implementing all aspects of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 to 2030 that are relevant to his Department and bodies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8626/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applications between category 1 and 2 projects made under the rural regeneration and development fund by county to date in tabular form; the number of successful and unsuccessful project applications, respectively by category that applied for funding by county; the successful projects by county that have been approved for funding by category; the value of funding approved for each such project; the number of successful applicants that have received approved funding to date; the value of same; the number of unsuccessful applicants that have not received approved funding to date; the amount allocated for the fund in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [8766/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of the €55 million funding allocated to the rural regeneration and development fund in 2019 or the planned initial funding of €315 million to the fund on a phased basis over the period 2019 to 2022 that will be reprofiled to another Department following spending overruns; and the amount being reprofiled from the fund for the allocations announced to date. — Dara Calleary. [8767/19]

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

*230. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason credits are not applied in the case of widower's and widow's payments for the purpose of availing of dental and

optical benefits; her plans to amend the status quo in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8513/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is eligible to receive an increased pension and arrears following a recent pension review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8527/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of illness benefit payments for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [8540/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an illness benefit application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [8580/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the former data protection officer (details supplied) of her Department has been reassigned from their role or transferred to another Department or location; the reason this person ceased to be the DPO of her Department; the date on which this occurred; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8585/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress made on implementing all aspects of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 to 2030 that are relevant to her Department and bodies under her remit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8619/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if paternity benefit will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [8632/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if breaches of Article 38.3 GDPR (details supplied) have occurred and been brought to her attention since its introduction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8667/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the weekly cost of paying one full-time equivalent community employment worker. — Anne Rabbitte. [8723/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if those in the public sector that were set to retire at 65 years of age would be entitled to jobseeker's allowance until they reach 67 years of age in view of the changes to the compulsory retirement age in December 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8725/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a jobseeker's benefit appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [8739/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if measures are being put in place to reduce long waiting times for applications to be processed within her Department. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [8741/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a farm assist payment was calculated on a weekly wage in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8747/19]

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

*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he is taking and the progress made in developing an off-balance sheet cost rental accommodation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [7151/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps being taken to address and eliminate child homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7143/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 299 of 8 November 2018, the status of the cost rental housing project at a location (details supplied); if the project has gone to tender; the estimated completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8524/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of the recently initiated infringement proceedings by the EU Commission against Ireland for breaches of the water framework directive; the nature of the infringements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8525/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he is considering or has decided to suspend the social housing applicant file for five years for persons that have refused two offers of accommodation; and if so, the basis on which this decision was made. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8548/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the inconsistent use of the PASS system by different local authorities nationally when registering a person as homeless; his plans to regulate the managing of the PASS system to ensure the accurate recording of homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [8582/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress made on implementing all aspects of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 to 2030 that are relevant to his Department and bodies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8623/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if all persons voting will be required to subscribe to and or be in possession of a public services card in the context of proposals to modernise the electoral registration process; if persons will have to consent to data sharing between Departments and or local authorities in order to vote; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8641/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the level of funding within the local government fund in each of the years 1999 to 2018, in tabular form; and the details of each component of the funding in gross and percentage terms. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8650/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the level of funding to the local government fund in each of the years 1999 to 2018, in tabular form; and the details of gross increases or decreases in funding and the real terms percentage expression of year-on-year increase and decrease. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8651/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding provided to local government by funding from the local government fund, commercial rates and other sources of funding in both gross and percentage terms. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8652/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if and when income eligibility limits will be revised to address the issues experienced by applicants for local authority housing that find themselves ineligible for a Rebuilding Ireland home loan on the grounds of insufficient income and equally ineligible for inclusion on local authority housing waiting lists due to excessive income; if the matter will be examined with a view to resolution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8706/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of Rebuilding Ireland home loan applications received to date by county; the number approved, refused or pending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8707/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if and when extra resources will be allocated to Kildare County Council to meet the requirements of the disabled persons grant scheme and housing adaptation grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8708/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when extra funding will be allocated to the various local authorities to ensure the continuation of Rebuilding Ireland home loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8709/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress to date towards the reactivation of development at Naas Town Centre, Naas, County Kildare; if all outstanding issues in respect of way leaves and rights of way have been resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8711/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extent to which emergency local authority housing provision has been made in respect of each local authority with particular reference to those most affected by homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8712/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps still to be taken to accommodate persons that find themselves homeless through no fault of their own while in some cases suffering from ill health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8713/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of local authority housing tenancies entered into in the past twelve months; the number of tenancies arranged between approved housing bodies and local authority housing applicants in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8714/19]

*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of new applicants registered on local authority housing waiting lists in each of the past twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8715/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps that will be taken to ameliorate the situation affecting families becoming homeless through buy-to-let repossessions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8716/19]

*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extent to which planning procedures can be expedited to facilitate the building of extra local authority houses with particular reference to the need to make a serious impact on the number on local authority waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8717/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of families rehoused by Kildare County Council in each of the past four years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8718/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the review relating to housing income limits will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8726/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when further funding will be allocated for applications for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [8742/19]

*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on alleged financial irregularities at Cavan County Council; if an investigation was carried out by his Department or the local authority in question; if a report arising from the investigation is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [8773/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to previous Parliamentary Questions, the status of information provided to his Department in June 2016 by a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in providing a final response to the person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [8775/19]

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

*270. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to purchase a location (details supplied) in view of the unique archaeological and ecological importance of same. — Eamon Ryan. [8566/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the progress made on implementing all aspects of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 to 2030 that are relevant to her Department and bodies under her remit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8616/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if there have been recent developments in the proposal to advance a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8730/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the blueway development projects which will be progressed in 2019; the funding for each project; the timescale for the development of each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8731/19]

*274. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the specific funding allocation for the restoration of the Ulster Canal in 2019; the works to be undertaken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8732/19]

*275. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason for the cost overruns in a project (details supplied); the status of discussions with Cork City Council as to the way in which additional funding announced in 2018 for the project is to be allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [8762/19]

*276. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on the need to establish more robust criteria for the granting of licences in view of the amount of footage and evidence brought forward by animal welfare groups in relation to breaches of licences for coursing clubs. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [8763/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the role of her Department in supporting an Gaeilge; and her plans to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge in March 2019. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [8764/19]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 21 FEABHRA, 2019
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 2019**

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

1. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil cóip den tuarascáil ó duine (sonraí tugtha) a foilsíodh anuraidh léite aici; agus cad iad na gníomhartha atá, nó a bheidh, á nglacadh aici chun déileáil leis na mfbhuntaistí do phobail Ghaeltachta atá soiléir sa tuarascáil sin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8506/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if pathways by which additional funding could be provided to productions by independent companies in the national theatre on the condition of increased remuneration for artists will be examined. — Niamh Smyth. [8699/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans for War of Independence and Civil War commemorations in County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8499/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the amount of Creative Ireland funding committed for 2019 and 2020; and the committed funding by county and project in tabular form. — Joan Burton. [8691/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding streams which will be made available to redevelop a theatre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8672/19]

6. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir le hAerfort na Mine a cheannach. — Catherine Connolly. [8685/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if a pilot project will be introduced to microchip hares at some coursing meetings during the 2019 to 2020 coursing season in consultation with an organisation (details supplied); and if submissions in relation to the matter will be considered from animal welfare organisations directly concerned with the protection of hares. — Clare Daly. [8629/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to figures that found one third of artists and creative practitioners earn less than the national minimum wage; her views on a movement to a living wage for persons working in the arts, culture and heritage sector; the actions she is taking to achieve same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [8689/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the level of funding for arts and culture to DEIS schools in tabular form; if she has met with the Department of Education and Skills in relation to the matter; and if a memo has been sent to Government on this matter. — Joan Burton. [8687/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the capital spending in 2018; the funding allocated to Waterways Ireland; the projects undertaken by Waterways Ireland with the allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8679/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to further designate land for national parks and nature reserves; her further plans to expand public access to reasonable and proximate quality open space; the locations of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [8688/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the Creative Schools Programme 2019; and the schools in County Limerick that are participating in same. — Tom Neville. [8536/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the Heritage 2030 public consultations; the opportunities including local meetings for groups and residents of County Offaly to contribute to the consultation process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [8518/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of progress in relation to the battlefield site of 14-17 Moore Street, Dublin 1; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [8704/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will report on her efforts to establish a film stakeholders forum to resolve ongoing disputes and issues across the industry; the stakeholders she has engaged with; and the willingness of these groups to take part in such a forum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8678/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her current and planned activities to protect Ireland's biodiversity including initiatives in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [8701/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the Creative Schools Programme 2019; the schools in County Sligo that are participating in same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [8509/19]

18. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cé mhéad airgead a bheartaítear a chur ar fáil d'fheidhmiú Phlean Gníomhaíochta 2018-2022; cé mhéad airgead a bheartaítear a chur ar fáil chun an Straitéis Fiche Bliain don Ghaeilge a chur i ngníomh in 2019; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Dara Calleary. [8594/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the contact she and her officials have had with executors of an estate (details supplied) with regard to the house, its surrounds and the approximate 5,000 acres of land in the estate and securing continuing public access to the lands. — Alan Kelly. [8694/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the efforts she is making to address employment and training precarity and poverty among workers and performers in the arts sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8675/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if consideration will be given to commissioning a report into the environmental impact of the Heritage Act 2016, particularly the provisions in the Act which concern the extension of the cutting and burring season of hedge rows; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [8501/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of Heritage 2030 public consultations; the opportunities including local meetings for groups and residents in counties Sligo and Leitrim to contribute to the consultation process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [8510/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will direct the National Parks and Wildlife Service to study the proposal to create a national park in the wilderness areas of Howth peninsula in view of development pressures and the one million visitors to the peninsula each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8549/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding made available to the National Cultural Institutions to deliver on their remit in the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8505/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the plans her officials are working on for the 2019 commemorations. — Michael Moynihan. [4078/19]

26. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén uair a fhoilseofar an Bille chun uasdátú a dhéanamh ar Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla, 2003; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8507/19]

27. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén comhráite a bhí aici le páirtithe leasmhara maidir le cinneadh HID Global athlonnú go cathair na Gaillimhe; cén toradh a bhí ar na cainteanna sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8508/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if producer companies in receipt of public funds and support will be required to offer training and employment to employees and trainees that were previously employed by the companies to ensure the provision of quality training and employment opportunities on all publicly funded or supported film productions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8677/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the way in which she can address the financial strain on persons working in the performing arts including claims that one third of persons working in the performing arts earn less than the minimum wage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [8705/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the steps being taken in conjunction with Bord na Móna and the National Parks and Wildlife Service to ensure that as much of Bord na Móna’s 80,000 hectares landholding become part of the peatlands restorative programme and renewed native ecosystems are funded by her Department, Bord na Móna and the EU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8503/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of the new call for applications for Irish sites of built and natural heritage to be placed on the UNESCO world heritage list; the way in which persons can make such and organisations can apply for a call for applications for new candidate sites to join the world heritage tentative list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [8700/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will report on the management and quarterly reports of the auditor pursuant to the performance delivery agreement signed and dated 6 November 2018 in relation to Galway 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [8683/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of progress for Galway as EU Capital of Culture in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [8537/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the outcome of the Culture Ireland Global 2025 conference that took place in Dublin Castle in January 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [8517/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which she is in a position to offer funding under various headings to cultural and heritage projects, community based or otherwise nationally in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8702/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the State commemorative events she plans to fund and direct as part of the Decade of Centenaries commemorations for the period 2019 to 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8502/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the film production underway at a studio (details supplied) is in receipt of section 481 tax relief and Irish Film Board grants; if so, the actions undertaken to ensure the provision of quality employment and training and the full application of employment legislation in terms of recruitment on the production; if the producer in receipt of the public funding and support has offered employees and trainee positions on the

production to all employees and trainees that were previously employed by the producer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8676/19]

38. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cad iad na moltaí a chuir an Roinn agus Údarás na Gaeltachta faoi bhráid an Rialtais ó thaobh tuilleadh cumhachtaí agus solúbthachta a thabhairt don Údarás i gcomhthéacs Brexit, agus go háirithe ó thaobh an Bhille Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha (Tarraingt siar na Ríochta Aontaithe as an Aontas Eorpach an 29 Márta 2019), 2019. — Catherine Connolly. [8682/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the levels of Creative Ireland funding that is designated for supporting DEIS schools in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form by county; and the amount each DEIS school is receiving. — Willie Penrose. [8692/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to purchase a location (details supplied) in view of the unique archaeological and ecological importance of same. — Eamon Ryan. [8681/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the actions she has taken to date to address delays in setting up a film forum. — Niamh Smyth. [8697/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of national and international events to commemorate the Irish famine in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [8534/19]

43. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cad é stádas na hanailíse breise atá beartaithe ag Údarás na Gaeltachta ina Phlean Straitéiseach 2018-2020 chun teacht ar bhonnlíne maidir le líon reatha na gcainteoirí Gaeilge sa Ghaeltacht, ionas gur féidir gníomhú chun an líon sin a mhéadú 25% faoi 2030. — Catherine Connolly. [8686/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the capital funding in the estimates for 2019; the amount and percentage overall of the capital budget that will be allocated to Waterways Ireland; the works and projects to be undertaken with such funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8680/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the progress made on protecting the eleven peat habitats listed for special protection under EU directives since 2011; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [8596/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if efforts to establish a film stakeholders forum have been abandoned due to the fact that some stakeholders have decided to boycott it; if so, the reason some stakeholders are allowed to effectively veto efforts to resolve ongoing disputes across the industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8674/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the contact she and her officials have had with members and representatives of the RTÉ concert orchestra; if members and representatives of musicians in these orchestras have been included in the working parties examining the potential transfer of the orchestras to the National Concert Hall; the progress made in this regard; and the stage plans are at to upgrade the National Concert Hall. — Willie Penrose. [8693/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the Creative Schools Programme 2019; and the schools in County Louth that are participating in same. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8520/19]

49. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta céin ionchur a bhí ag a Roinn maidir leis an gcinneadh cuideachta (sonraí tugtha) a athlonnú ó shuíomh Údarás na Gaeltachta i gConamara go hoirthear chathair na Gaillimhe; cad iad sonraí na teagmhála idir an Roinn agus an Ghníomhaireacht Forbartha Tionscail. — Catherine Connolly. [8684/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the level of funding for publishing and literature provided by the Arts Council in the past four years; and her views on whether literature and publishing are key cultural and artistic pursuits as Gaeilge and in English and are vital for the health of Ireland's cultural future and should therefore be funded adequately. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8504/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she is satisfied with the availability of theatre and cultural facilities in County Cork; the steps she plans to take to maintain and develop those facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8673/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the position with regard to the community grants scheme for 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8698/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which her Department has identified historical sites such as burial mounds or other similar sensitive or historical sites which may benefit from protection nationally with a view to their sensitive or archaeological development for tourism and educational purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8703/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of work to address concerns raised by artists regarding the work practices at a theatre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8696/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the scientific evidence which forms the basis for the extension of the upland burning season as presented in the draft wildlife (burning of vegetation) regulations 2018. — Mick Wallace. [8597/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding supplied to an organisation (details supplied) or via the Arts Council in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of men and women, respectively that qualify for funding from the organisation in each of these years; and the county of residence of each. — Joan Burton. [8690/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of existing and planned initiatives to protect biodiversity here including initiatives in Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frances Fitzgerald. [8595/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of the new call for applications for sites of built and natural heritage here to be placed on the UNESCO World Heritage List; the way in which persons and organisations including those in counties Carlow and

Kilkenny can apply for new candidate sites to join Ireland's World Heritage Tentative List; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [8519/19]

59. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 684 and 685 of 5 February 2019, if her Department receives submissions from the public regarding whether a monument should be designated as a national monument; if so, the number of such submissions received in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of requests progressed to the designation of a national monument; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8550/19]

60. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cé mhéad airgead a bheartaítear a chur ar fáil in 2019 d'Údarás na Gaeltachta, agus an méid sin briste síos idir soláthar caipitil agus reatha; cé mhéad airgead a bheartaítear a sholáthar don Údarás faoin bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta (Tionscadal Éire 2040); agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Dara Calleary. [8593/19]

