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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 State boards and agencies that civil servants from his Department are appointed to. — Brendan Howlin. [7901/19]
2. 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]
3. To ask the Taoiseach the appointments he has made to State boards and other bodies under the aegis of his Department since February 2018. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9288/19]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the State boards and agencies that civil servants from his Department are appointed to. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9304/19]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the appointments made by him to State boards and agencies under the aegis of his Department. — Joan Burton. [9422/19]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the National Economic and Social Council. — Brendan Howlin. [9516/19]
7. 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]
8. 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]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the update of the website of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9289/19]
10. To ask the Taoiseach the number and type of Cabinet committees held since January 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [8460/19]
11. To ask the Taoiseach the number and type of Cabinet committee meetings held since January 2019. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9290/19]
12. To ask the Taoiseach the number and type of Cabinet committees held since January 2019. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9305/19]

13. To ask the Taoiseach the number and type of Cabinet committee meetings held since January 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [9514/19]

14. 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]

15. To ask the Taoiseach the role of his Department in relation to contingency planning for Brexit; and the number of meetings held since September 2018 on the issue. — Brendan Howlin. [9093/19]

16. 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 on this issue since September 2018. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9306/19]

17. 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. — Eamon Ryan. [9390/19]

18. To ask the Taoiseach the role of his Department in relation to contingency planning in respect of Brexit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9457/19]

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

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the all-island civic dialogue on 15 February 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [9092/19]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the all-island civic dialogue held on 15 February 2019. — Eamon Ryan. [9391/19]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the fifth plenary session of the all-island civic dialogue on Brexit; if he had subsequent conversations with the political party leaders present; and the issues that were discussed. — Joan Burton. [9421/19]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the recent meeting of the all-island civic dialogue held on 15 February 2019. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9459/19]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the Portuguese Prime Minister, Mr. António Luís Santos da Costa. — Brendan Howlin. [9091/19]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the Portuguese Prime Minister; the issues that were discussed; and the officials that accompanied him on the visit. — Micheál Martin. [9374/19]

26. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the language scheme in his Department. — Micheál Martin. [9379/19]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee B (Social Policy and Public Services) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Joan Burton. [9423/19]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

28. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the further engagement his Department has had with the Public Service Pay Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [9301/19]

29. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the reason he did not provide assurances that the Air Corps whistle-blower would not be penalised or prejudiced for having made a protected disclosure as recommended by a military investigating officer. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9441/19]

30. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the protocols in place governing the awarding of military medals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [9580/19]

31. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to address the issue of continuous underfunding of the Defence Forces limiting its abilities to pay soldiers a proper wage. — Brendan Ryan. [9686/19]

32. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will provide a report on the Air Corps recommissioning scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [9581/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

33. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of the review of the conciliation and arbitration scheme in the Defence Forces further to the Barry report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [9303/19]

34. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to reintroduce a new Army barracks in counties Cavan and Monaghan or the greater Border region in view of Brexit and the possible reintroduction of a hard Border; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9373/19]

35. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on whether Ireland's proposed role in a European Defence Agency Project may lead to SOFA agreements and foreign troops being stationed here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [9425/19]

36. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the estimated cost in the coming years of participation in PESCO related operations; and the capital costs related to procurement processes under PESCO. — Bríd Smith. [9427/19]

37. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the specific role the Defence Forces will play in the proposed European Defence Agency Project - Military Search Capability Building; if the role is in line with the normal peacekeeping role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [9424/19]

38. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the progress being made in liaison with Kildare County Council on the development of an overall management plan for the Curragh Plains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [9428/19]

39. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence when a psychiatrist for the Defence Forces will be appointed following the retirement of the in-house psychiatrist in May 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9404/19]

40. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the details of the proposal he has put forward to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to the employment of a full-time military psychiatrist; and the expected timeframe for a response on same. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9221/19]

41. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the supports that will be provided to military veteran organisations such as an organisation (details supplied) in order to increase the services provided to retired and veteran members of the Defence Forces. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9223/19]

42. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the eyesight standards in relation to applicants for the Naval Service Reserve have been updated and implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9407/19]

43. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if a psychiatrist has been appointed to the Defence Forces; and if there will be further roles to support members of the Defence Forces. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [9359/19]

44. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the actions taken by the implementation group on foot of the recommendations of the reports of the working group on Lariam; and the further actions planned. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9224/19]

45. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his recruitment plans for 2019; the extent to which he plans to increase the strength of the Defence Forces in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9415/19]

46. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the way in which he plans to address concerns raised by the Reserve Defence Forces representative association regarding the state of the force; and his plans to engage constructively with the representative association. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [9412/19]

47. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the former Dún Uí Néill Barracks, Cavan town, County Cavan will be available for use by the Permanent Defence Forces should security needs require the deployment of additional personnel to the central Border area namely counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9419/19]

48. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence when back payments and allowances will issue to the staff of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8988/19]

49. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if a psychiatrist has been appointed to the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8970/19]

50. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the reason the whole-time equivalent number of those serving in the Defence Forces has dropped from 9,173 at the end of 2017 to 8,957 at the end of 2018; and the measures he will take to address the recruitment crisis in the Defence Forces. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9222/19]

51. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the strength of the reserve Defence Forces; the full complement of reserve Defence Forces; the status of the recruitment campaign for the reserve Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9406/19]

52. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of work within his Department regarding the management and maintenance of the Curragh Plains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [9429/19]

53. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to a site being filled at Donnelly's Hollow on the Curragh; and if it was filled by his Department. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [9358/19]

54. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the steps being taken to ensure better pay and working conditions for members of the Defence Forces; the further steps being taken to ensure appropriate supports are available to both current and former members of the Defence Forces that may be experiencing financial difficulties; if he has satisfied himself that recruitment methods are sufficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [9267/19]

55. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of members enlisted in the Permanent Defence Forces at the end of 2018; the projected enlistment for 2019; if he is satisfied that there are adequate personnel in the Permanent Defence Forces should there be additional security requirements post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9420/19]

56. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the significance for Ireland to be an observer on PESCO projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9405/19]

57. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which pay and conditions for the Defence Forces continues to receive appropriate attention with particular reference to ongoing concerns in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9416/19]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*58. To ask the Taoiseach the number of conferences staff of his Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff that attended each conference; and the cost of same in each year. — Joan Burton. [9176/19]

*59. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019,

by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; and the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same. — Joan Burton. [9193/19]

*60. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff in his Department, that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to his Department or agency under the remit of his Department; if his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the summit; and the cost in this regard. — Joan Burton. [9210/19]

*61. To ask the Taoiseach the breakdown of funds received by his Department or channelled through his Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9557/19]

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

*62. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of conferences staff of his Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff that attended each conference; the cost of same in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9166/19]

*63. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9183/19]

*64. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of staff in his Department, that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to his Department or agency under the remit of his Department; if his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the summit; the cost in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9200/19]

*65. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 58 of 12 July 2018 and 115 of 12 February 2019, the reason different figures were provided for days of sick leave taken by members of the Defence Forces. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9226/19]

*66. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to make changes in the recruitment criteria for apprenticeships within the Defence Forces to allow persons that have colour vision deficiency to wear corrective ophthalmic appliances during psychometric testing similar to those used in other European countries. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [9268/19]

*67. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if a pension issue for a former member of the Defence Forces (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [9349/19]

*68. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of Permanent Defence Force recruits under the minimum height requirement of 157.48cm that were admitted to the Defence Forces in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and the number of these still enlisted in the Defence Forces. — Mick Wallace. [9453/19]

*69. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the breakdown of funds received by his Department or channelled through his Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9568/19]

*70. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if Ireland's agreement to the EU SOFA would expand the breadth of the peacekeeping missions of the Defence Forces to include crisis management and battlegroups. — Brendan Ryan. [9687/19]

*71. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which Army, Naval Service and Air Corps personnel have access to up-to-date modern training facilities and standards with a view to ensuring a ready ability to interact with other EU and UN forces in the event of a major security or rescue requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9719/19]

*72. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which recruitment to the Defence Forces remains ongoing; the number recruited to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9720/19]

*73. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which upskilling and advanced training continues throughout each branch of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9721/19]

*74. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the strength of the Air Corps; if numbers have increased in recent times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9722/19]

*75. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the strength of the Naval Service; if numbers have increased in recent times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9723/19]

*76. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the strength of the Army; if numbers have increased in recent times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9724/19]

*77. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which all members of the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps can have access to retraining and upskilling on an annual basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9725/19]

*78. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which pay restoration throughout the Defence Forces remains ongoing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9726/19]

*79. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of Army, Naval Service and Air Corps personnel serving overseas with the UN or otherwise; the number of missions anticipated in the course of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9727/19]

*80. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which retirements and resignations in the Defence Forces have been replaced with a view to ensuring an adequate management structure throughout; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9728/19]

*81. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which the Defence Forces are adequately equipped to deal with emergencies in respect of which they may be called upon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9729/19]

*82. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which the Air Corps and Naval Service continues to cooperate in air and sea rescue missions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9730/19]

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 if he will report on launch of the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2019 on 22 February 2019; and the status of preparations for a possible hard Brexit as reported in the media (details supplied) on 20 February 2019. — Micheál Martin. [9375/19]

*84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the rise of anti-Semitism in some European countries; and if the matter was discussed when he met other EU counterparts recently. — Micheál Martin. [9376/19]

*85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the changes for citizens of the UK living here post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8990/19]

*86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 51 of 14 February 2019, the meaning of weapons intended for use used in international crisis management and peace support operations; and if examples of exemptions granted in such circumstances over the past two decades will be provided by the international crisis management event and peace support operation in question. — Clare Daly. [8993/19]

*87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if correspondence from a person (details supplied) has been reviewed; if so, the reason no reply has issued; when a response will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9045/19]

*88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps being taken at EU and international level against countries in the Middle East in which there are flagrant abuses of human rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9095/19]

*89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the persecution of Christians in the Middle East has been raised at the EU Foreign Affairs Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9096/19]

*90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the efforts being made to assist persons in Rukban, Syria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9097/19]

*91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on his recent meeting with Mr. Michel Barnier in Brussels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [9103/19]

*92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the options available to a person (details supplied) to renew a passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [9158/19]

*93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of conferences staff of his Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff that attended each conference; the cost of same in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9170/19]

*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9187/19]

*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of staff in his Department, that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to his Department or agency under the remit of his Department; if his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the summit; the cost in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9204/19]

*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when he expects the Irish Consulate General offices in Los Angeles, Cardiff and Frankfurt will be opened. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9344/19]

*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the cost of the fifth plenary session of the all-island civic dialogue held on 15 February 2019 by each expenditure item; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9369/19]

*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of passport waiting times; the length of time online applications are taking to process; the length of time postal express applications are taking to complete; the number of applications the Passport Office has dealt with to date in 2019; if the number has increased from the same period in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9383/19]

*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the bank account of an organisation (details supplied) has been closed consequently making it difficult for the organisation to undertake its work; the action he has taken in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9399/19]

*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the accommodations and or special dispensations afforded to applicants with disabilities with respect to the rapid response corps and electoral observation mission rosters; if the relevant equality monitoring has been carried out with respect to these rosters; the number of such accommodations and or special dispensations granted with respect to both rosters in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9418/19]

*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps taken at EU and international level to address the rise in anti-Semitic attacks worldwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9461/19]

*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the rise of anti-Semitism in certain European Union member states has been addressed or discussed at the EU Foreign Affairs Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9462/19]

*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the breakdown of funds received by his Department or channelled through his Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9572/19]

*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a review of legislation will be considered to allow employees that work at an embassy here to avail of rights under employment law here including the pursuance of their cases through the appropriate workplace relations bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [9594/19]

*105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there is a facility for persons with a disability to act as election observers; if the competition run by his Department to select observers encompasses persons with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [9615/19]

*106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to promote the inclusion of disability in international development through Irish Aid and representation at EU, UN and other international bodies. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [9715/19]

*107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to develop the embassy in Monrovia to full ambassador strength; if he will directly support civil society in Liberia; and if the regulations for education fellowships will be loosened. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [9716/19]

*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to release the terms of reference, members of the board and allow oral hearings regarding the results of the 2018 election observer roster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [9717/19]

*109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of the election observer roster members; and the country of residence of each. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [9718/19]

*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress to date in the Brexit negotiations in ensuring that the rights and entitlements provided for in the Good Friday Agreement for persons living in Northern Ireland are fully protected and not diminished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9731/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*111. To ask the Minister for Finance the efforts he has made to ascertain the number of persons in receipt of the qualified adult dependant increase on the State pension (contributory), affected by a ruling of the High Court of 29 June 2018, are the beneficial owners of the income and therefore entitled to PAYE tax credit and increased rate band; if all recipients are being contacted in relation to same; and if his Department has issued refunds. — Robert Troy. [9150/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Finance if Ireland through its appointed director to the European Investment Bank will support the cessation of lending to fossil fuel projects through the new energy

lending policy of the bank in 2019 in view of commitments (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9151/19]

*113. To ask the Minister for Finance if the carbon tax which applies to peat extracted for fuel to peat extracted for horticultural or other purposes will be extended in view of the fact that the emissions of greenhouse gases are the same irrespective of the way in which the peat is oxidised. — Clare Daly. [9469/19]

*114. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of new electric vehicles registered by each local authority in each of the past five years in tabular form. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9606/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Finance if insurance companies will receive a guarantee that premiums will go down if a Garda insurance fraud unit is established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [9654/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Finance if VAT on natural gas bills is this calculated including the carbon tax or minus the carbon tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [9041/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Finance if all banks should adhere to the Central Bank code of conduct on mortgage arrears; the action taken by the regulator if a bank is found not to be following this code of conduct; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [9088/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of operational customs officials; the number that will be operational on 29 March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [9100/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount drawn down to date of the €490 million loan secured from the EIB to construct the national children's hospital; if a further loan is being considered in view of increased costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9125/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Finance the party to which land at a location (details supplied) in the possession of NAMA was recently sold to. — Clare Daly. [9138/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the decision of a bank (details supplied) in respect to the Central Bank code of conduct on mortgage arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [9140/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that had pension statements amended and refunds issued for qualifying years (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [9148/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Finance the rationale for amending section 126(2)(b) of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 with effect from 1 January 2014 in view of the fact the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection regarded a qualified adult dependant as income of the beneficiary of the State pension and therefore neither the PAYE credit nor increased rate band were due to the dependent in respect of the income from this date. — Robert Troy. [9149/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of conferences staff of his Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff

that attended each conference; the cost of same in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9169/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9186/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff in his Department, that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to his Department or agency under the remit of his Department; if his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the summit; the cost in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9203/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of SMEs that received loan funding by firm size of less that 10, 11 to 49 and 50 to 249 employees, respectively in tabular form. — Pat Casey. [9254/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the changes in the VAT rate for cookery schools between 2016 and 2019 and the rationale for the change in view of the skills shortage in the sector. — Pat Casey. [9255/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Finance if conducting a recruitment process for the position of chairperson of NAMA during 2019 (details supplied) has been considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [9258/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of his proposed changes to section 481 tax relief for film production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [9261/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to review the terms of the diesel rebate scheme in view of the rising costs of fuel for Irish hauliers. — Pat Casey. [9262/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of claims and the amount claimed under the med 2 dental expenses scheme in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [9281/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of extra Revenue Commissioners staff due to be posted to Dublin Airport and Dublin Port following the recent recruitment campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [9317/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 25 of 14 February 2019, the amount involved under each tax heading (details supplied); the number of cases in each heading; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9324/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 25 of 14 February 2019, the amount involved under each tax heading (details supplied) in tabular form; the number of cases in each heading; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9325/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Finance the proportions of sales according to different cigarette pack sizes that were or are available for sale here in the past ten years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9370/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the bank account of an organisation (details supplied) has been closed; if the case will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9398/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of measures being taken to tackle insurance costs particularly public liability insurance costs; when these measures will be put in place and take effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [9435/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Finance the breakdown of funds received by his Department or channelled through his Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9571/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to help alleviate the cost of insurance on the leisure industry; and his views on whether insurance price rises within the sector have become highly inflated. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [9652/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that progress is being made by the working group on the cost of insurance in the areas of public liability insurance such as for marts or child play centres. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [9653/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Finance the Irish banks that have to become compliant in advance of the impending PSD2 regulation. — Michael McGrath. [9669/19]

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

*143. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 71 of 9 October 2018, if the matter will be expedited with the CSSO in view of the fact that Sligo County Council has indicated that all the required paperwork is now in order; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [8979/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to uphold the Labour Court decision of 2008 by which community employment supervisors should be granted access to a public pension entitlement in view of the current industrial dispute and the ten year campaign to secure justice in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [9260/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when Bawnboy Garda station, County Cavan will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9714/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason the property of a person (details supplied) is being flooded for 14 years and the problem has not been resolved. — Danny Healy-Rae. [9038/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when a flood defence project will be funded (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [9056/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if rock armour will be put in a gap in the flood defences at a location (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9071/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of conferences staff of his Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff that attended each conference; the cost of same in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9174/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9191/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of staff in his Department, that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to his Department or agency under the remit of his Department; if his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the summit; the cost in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9208/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current and capital expenditure for each Department; the amount spent or expenditure committed to be spent in 2019 to deal specifically with a no-deal Brexit scenario (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9217/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the contracts, the duration of each and values that have been awarded to companies (details supplied) for the restoration of Leinster House; the person or body that awarded each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9351/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 148 of 18 September 2018, when planning permission will be sought for the State data centre; when tenders will be sought for construction; when construction will commence; the estimated construction time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9551/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 9 October 2018, if consultants have been hired to complete the reassessment of the local hydrology of the area and the operation of the local drainage network; the expected date for completion of the studies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9554/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason the raising of a road was not funded by the OPW as part of a flood relief scheme; the arrangements being put in place to raise the road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9558/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of funds received by his Department or channelled through his Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9576/19]

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

*158. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if Bus Éireann has a preferred bus type or model, for example, 53 seater single deck, when tendering for the school transport scheme. — Robert Troy. [9019/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the points system that is used to evaluate tenders placed for the provision of school transport services. — Robert Troy. [9020/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the safety standards of his Department regarding which types and years of models are used to deliver school transport services including irregular transport to school trips and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9021/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he has taken to communicate with substitute teachers regarding the pay and tax issue; and when he expects to have the matter resolved. — Thomas Byrne. [8971/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding applications for additional accommodation by schools in County Wexford including extensions and new builds; the type and extent of each application; the status of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8973/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the requirements necessary in order to qualify as a SENo; the way in which SENOs in employment are monitored or assessed in performance; the person or body that carries out the assessment process; the yearly salary of the position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [8998/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the financial remuneration for each board member of the Teaching Council; the frequency with which membership of the board changes; if his Department is the employer of the Teaching Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [8999/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of higher education student housing units built over the period of 2018 to date in 2019, nationally; the number of student accommodation units built by county; the cost over the same period; the proposed monthly cost to each Irish national student per room for the units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [9000/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of higher level students living in shared room hostel dormitories nationally as their form of student accommodation to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [9001/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if home tuition will be continued for a child (details supplied) until they are assessed and the services required put in place in school for them; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the child did not attend school until January 2019 having received home tuition since reaching school age; and if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that they are severely traumatised in school. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [9023/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding post-primary teacher redeployment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9037/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when coding will be included on the curriculum for primary and secondary education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [9043/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the decision not to grant the application by a school (details supplied) for funding under the emergency works scheme will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [9044/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of post-primary schools that do not have a primary school designated as their feeder school as part of their enrolment and admissions policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [9047/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of school building works planned and or under construction in the mid-west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [9054/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if emergency funding will be granted for a school (details supplied) in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [9055/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) will be provided with a place in a school for the school year commencing September 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [9067/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children on the waiting list for a school (details supplied) for September 2019. — Seán Haughey. [9068/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children in Dublin 1, 3, 7, 9 and 11 on the waiting list for a primary school place in a special needs school for September 2019. — Seán Haughey. [9069/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the funding and resources necessary to guarantee each child with special needs in Dublin 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13 with an appropriate school place for September 2019 will be provided. — Seán Haughey. [9070/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the guidelines in place for primary schools regarding the setting aside of time for eating lunch and taking breaks; the guidelines for children in primary school regarding hygiene in relation to food, such as, washing of hands before eating and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9075/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of Youthreach coordinators in the City of Dublin Education and Training Board that have received payments above their annual salaries and qualification allowances since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [9081/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of Youthreach coordinators in the City of Dublin Education and Training Board that received payments above €40,000 in addition

to their annual salary and qualification allowances in 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [9082/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the impending eviction of a school (details supplied) from its site; and if the school will be facilitated to remain on the site until the end of the school year and ensure that when the new school year commences in September 2019, the playschool is relocated to the new primary school site. — Clare Daly. [9117/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a new second-level school for Kinnegad, County Westmeath; and the timeframe for delivery of same. — Robert Troy. [9147/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the body or bodies that will be prepaid for a school building at the national children's hospital; and the amount they will be paid from his Department. — Thomas Byrne. [9153/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for the sixteen year delay that has prevented the commencement of construction work on a school (details supplied) in County Kildare; if construction of the school will be expedited; the timeline for construction of the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9157/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the provision within the education system for a derogation from set exam time allowed for students with additional needs, learnings difficulties and diagnoses of autism spectrum disorder or Asperger syndrome; the guidelines for allowing schools to grant extra time during mock exams and final exams; the deadline for applying for a derogation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [9160/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of conferences staff of his Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff that attended each conference; the cost of same in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9167/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9184/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of staff in his Department, that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to his Department or agency under the remit of his Department; if his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the summit; the cost in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9201/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a school (details supplied) can expect a decision on an appeal for emergency funding. — Barry Cowen. [9237/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase apprenticeships in the construction sector in view of the shortage of skilled staff to address the housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [9253/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the school building programme for County Wicklow at both primary and secondary-level and the start date for the construction of each in tabular form. — Pat Casey. [9280/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the criteria used by the school building programme for tendering procurement; and the changes to this criteria and scoring since 2011 to date. — Pat Casey. [9282/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the development of guidelines for schools on the specific issue of restraint or seclusion in educational settings; and the current rules in relation to the matter. — Pat Casey. [9284/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if clarification on the application process to the European Globalisation Fund in the context of the decarbonisation restructuring strategy of Bord na Móna and the significant job losses in the midlands will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [9296/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of male and female apprentices in training by each employment sector and subsector as of 18 February 2019, for craft based and consortia led apprenticeships in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [9318/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which he plans to fill the shortfall in classroom spaces for children with special needs including autism at a school (details supplied) in County Kildare before the new school year 2019/2020; the way in which he further plans to provide an adequate number of school spaces to meet the needs of school children with special needs in County Kildare from 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [9322/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the rationale for the time delays with regard to the construction of a school (details supplied); and if the project is still within budget. — Robert Troy. [9332/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 220 of 20 October 2018, if progress has been made in relation to allocating breastfeeding breaks for SNAs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [9336/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding guideline changes issued by his Department and the NCSE for SNAs in relation to intimate care needs policy (details supplied); if there has been consultation with SNAs regarding the change; the protections in place for SNAs that feel vulnerable in an intimate care setting without a witness; if these guidelines have been signed into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9338/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a matter (details supplied) in relation to a school amalgamation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9342/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a new development for a school (details supplied); if the deadline is the same for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9343/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of a reduction of one in-post primary school class size from September 2020. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9346/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 252 on 5 February 2019, the reason two public bodies under the remit of his Department, SOLAS and QQI are continuing to pass the responsibility of eligible persons applying for a waiver to the certification fees from one to the other; the bodies that must deal with eligible persons applying for a waiver; the person responsible to issue reimbursement application forms to persons that were wrongly overcharged (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [9354/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason SOLAS is continuing to add additional conditions onto the renewal of the safe pass cards in the absence of the proposed draft regulations (details supplied) which will provide the additional power to add their own conditions; if SOLAS will suspend these additional requirements until the draft regulations come into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [9355/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if planning permission has been submitted in respect of a school building project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [9402/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a sports hall for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9473/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a contractor of a school building project has been successfully pursued for costs arising out of failure to comply with a building contract from 2011 to date in schools in County Wicklow; and if so, the details of same. — Pat Casey. [9476/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 358 of 15 January 2019, if the accommodation needs of a school (details supplied) have been agreed; if so, when a design team will be appointed for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9482/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has received the pre-qualification report in relation to the building of a school (details supplied); if so, if it has been approved; when tenders will be invited for the project from the shortlist of contractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9483/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the pre-qualification process for a school (details supplied) will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9484/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if tenders have been invited from the shortlist of contractors for a school (details supplied); if so, the closing date for receipt of tenders for the project; when construction will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9485/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the required clarifications have been received from the vendor of the site for schools (details supplied); if satisfactory, if a design team will be appointed for both projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9486/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a decision has been made on an application by a school (details supplied) to become co-educational; if not, the issues delaying the sanctioning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9487/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when applications will be accepted for the non-mainstream music education bursary scheme for 2019. — Tom Neville. [9501/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 209 of 5 February 2019, the reason the construction project will not now be delivered until the final quarter of 2019 in view of the fact that the original completion date was May 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9504/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of ASD unit places available for school years (details supplied) in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9521/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of early intervention places for children of pre-school age that are on the autism spectrum for school years (details supplied) in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9522/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applications received for an ASD unit place for school years (details supplied) in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9523/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applications received for early intervention places for children of pre-school age that are on the autism spectrum for school years (details supplied) in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9524/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the budgetary allocation for the provision of an ASD unit in each of the years 2016 to 2018, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9525/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the educational alternatives provided for children with autism that are unable to secure an ASD unit place and are unable to attend a mainstream primary school due to the degree of their disability. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9526/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the situation of a playschool (details supplied) which faces eviction from its premises; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that when a school moves into its new building in April 2019 there will be no room available on site for the playschool; if he will engage with a group and the board of management of the school to find a solution to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [9529/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an ASD unit for autistic children is included in the accommodation to be provided in a new school (details supplied) in County Kildare; if not, the location in which children from the school catchment area requiring an ASD unit will be accommodated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9547/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if tenders have been invited for the completion of a campus (details supplied) in County Kildare; the number of contractors from which tenders have been sought; the closing date for receipt of tenders for the project; when the successful contractor will be on site; if the completion date remains June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9552/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 137 of 21 November 2018, if agreement has been reached on a new site for the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9553/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 115 of 9 October 2018, if tenders have been sought for the appointment of a design team for the school (details supplied); the closing date for receipt of tenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9555/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the breakdown of funds received by his Department or channelled through his Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9569/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the qualifying criteria, scoring and other assessment parameters which a school has to achieve at a minimum in order to qualify for DEIS status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [9616/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the appointment of a project manager for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [9619/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there are regulations which would stop the board of management of a school (details supplied) from designing an extension to the classrooms and applying for planning permission from the local authority with a view to presenting it for funding at some stage in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [9620/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the schools which have provided facilities (details supplied) to achieve the objective of increased use of school buildings since the publication of the plan in summer 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [9643/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding substitute primary teachers that have had difficulty in receiving payment in January and February 2019 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [9664/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide an educate together primary school in Dungarvan, County Waterford; the timeframe for this proposal; the proposed location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [9682/19]

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

*234. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 516 of 12 February 2019, the reason the Legal Services Regulation Act 2015 and the 2012 working group on medical negligence and periodic payments sought to limit the period allowable for medical negligence to three years instead of a longer period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8981/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a non-EU spouse that holds a stamp 4EUFAM residence permit will be permitted to remain living with their spouse with British citizenship here post-Brexit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9008/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the provision of structures at locations (details supplied) by the OPW will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [9666/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to reinstate a sentencing database similar to the defunct Irish sentencing information system which is accessible to the judiciary, practitioners, victims, accused and the public; and if so, when. — Clare Daly. [8983/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if ring-fenced funding has been provided in 2019 to improve courtroom technology in particular to facilitate victims of sexual or domestic crimes giving testimony by video link. — Clare Daly. [8984/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the development of the criminal justice operational hub in particular the development of agreed definitions and methods of data collection in line with best international standards by the stakeholders involved. — Clare Daly. [8985/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his policy in regard to the advice given in relation to the Air Navigation (Carriage of War, Weapons and Dangerous Goods) Order 1973 and the carriage of munitions has been changed in the past twelve months such that his Department now recommends that exceptions be made for the carriage of munitions intended to be used in international crisis management and peace support operations in addition to unloaded personal weapons; and if so, the reasons for the change. — Clare Daly. [8992/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners October 2018 and the Census of Cell Occupancy and In-cell Sanitation October 2018 reports will be published. — Clare Daly. [8994/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the immigrant investor programme; and if this is standard procedure. — Brendan Griffin. [9036/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce a rights of grandparents Bill similar to the 2013 proposed legislation which did not proceed through the Houses of the Oireachtas to deal with issues in relation access to children for grandparents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [9064/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 285 of 18 December 2018, when a decision will issue in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9152/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of conferences staff of his Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff that attended each conferences; the cost of same in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9173/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9190/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of staff in his Department, that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to his Department or agency under the remit of his Department; if his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the summit; the cost in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9207/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the Census of Restricted Regimes October 2018 and January 2019 and the Census of Cell Occupancy and In-cell Sanitation reports will be published. — Clare Daly. [9213/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the review into the legal aid scheme terms and conditions was initiated; when it was concluded; if the terms and conditions are the responsibility of his Department; the rationale for removing the automatic entitlement to junior counsel; the rationale for reducing the fees allowed for both Circuit and High Court cases; his views on whether this will lead to an imbalance in personal insolvency cases between creditors and debtors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9259/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the arrangements in place in which Garda stations are not open and a person makes a phone call to that local Garda station; if these calls will be automatically transferred to a further Garda station in the region that is opened on a 24 hour basis and can answer the phone calls; if they are not directed to another Garda station that is also closed, the arrangements in place ensure this happens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [9307/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the additional accommodation for the Garda station in Mullingar, County Westmeath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9312/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the final cost for renovation of the courthouse in Mullingar, County Westmeath; and the percentage increase on the original costing. — Robert Troy. [9314/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of juvenile anti-social behaviour orders issued in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019 under Part 13 of the Criminal Justice Act 2006; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [9319/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the additional paid parental leave announced as part of Budget 2019 will be available to parents in respect of children born on or after the date of its announcement in Budget 2019; if it will only apply to parents in respect of children born on or after the date of its implementation in late 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [9396/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if there will be administrative or legal technicalities that would mean the exclusion of parents of children born in 2019 after the additional paid parental leave announced as part of Budget 2019; his plans to include those parents with children born after the Budget 2019 announcement in 2019 or that are still under one year of age when the scheme is implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [9397/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of a case pursuant to section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999 (as amended) in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9454/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the next date for persons to apply for reunification for families under the international humanitarian assistance programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9510/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of visa applications from citizens of Yemen that are family members of residents here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9511/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 436 of 6 November 2018 and 127 of 24 January 2019, the status of an application by a person (details supplied) to the Magdalene restorative justice ex-gratia scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9519/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the criteria which will be used by the Implementation Group for Police Reform in the recruitment of Garda sergeants scheduled for Q3; if it will be an open public competition; if not, if it will be an internal competition; if internal, the entry criteria for same (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [9544/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the breakdown of funds received by his Department or channelled through his Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9575/19]

*262. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a data protection centre (details supplied) will be moved in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [9650/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a project (details supplied) will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [9665/19]

*264. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a Garda insurance fraud unit will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [9696/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of additional marked and unmarked Garda cars and vehicles allocated to the Wicklow Garda division in 2018 and to date in 2019; and the number that were withdrawn during same period. — Pat Casey. [9732/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9746/19]

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

*267. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the European Commission is controlling the importation of biofuels specifically biodiesel from Argentina; if Irish and other

EU manufacturers of biofuels are at a competitive disadvantage due to EU levies on domestic biodiesel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [9131/19]

*268. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the benefits that accrued to a person (details supplied); if a record of their contributions will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [9265/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the uptake of all Brexit supports under the remit of her Department; the number that have applied for support to date; the number sanctioned for support; the expenditure on same to date in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [9099/19]

*270. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of conferences staff of her Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff that attended each conference; the cost of same in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9162/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9179/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of staff in her Department that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to her Department or agency under the remit of her Department; if her Department or an agency associated with her Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the summit; the cost in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9196/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if jockeys will be included in the occupation lists for employment permits due to the chronic shortage in the industry; the specific and unique skillsets necessary for the job; the necessary experience and frame for the role; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [9214/19]

*274. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if measures will be introduced to prevent food waste by supermarkets in order that usable food can be diverted to those in need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [9248/19]

*275. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the legislation that allowed for the anti-competitive practice of meat processing companies owning bovine feedlots or contracting bovine feedlots to feed cattle which have been the source of supply for 20% of all cattle slaughtered in meat processing plants here (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [9286/19]

*276. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to update the Company Law Enforcement Act 2001. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9345/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the breakdown of funds received by her Department or channelled through her Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9564/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*278. To ask the Minister for Health when a new transport allowance will be established to replace the mobility allowance that was closed in 2013. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [9331/19]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to the reintroduction of the motorised transport allowance. — Robert Troy. [9480/19]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of employing a fully qualified agency nurse on a full-time basis for a period of one year; the cost of employing a fully qualified full-time staff nurse with pension and PRSI contributions for a period of one year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [9562/19]

*281. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons provided with permanent contracts of employment by the HSE in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, under the HSE job evaluation scheme; the number of such cases for which the candidate underwent a formal interview as part of the process; the number of such cases for which no formal interview occurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8975/19]

*282. To ask the Minister for Health the grades and types of roles which qualify for the HSE job evaluation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8976/19]

*283. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a minimum tenure period which a person must remain in post before they have an entitlement to permanency in instances in which a person is employed by the HSE in an acting post; if so, the details of same; the grades, roles and so on which this rule covers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8977/19]

*284. To ask the Minister for Health the reason funding has been refused for the provision of a supported housing solution in the case of a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that the solution was recommended in 2008 and the person has been waiting for approval of funding; the options available for the care of the person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8978/19]

*285. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the provision of general practitioner care in a town in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8982/19]

*286. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a fair deal scheme application by a person (details supplied); if the matter will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8989/19]

*287. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place in relation to the cross border initiative for healthcare procedures in the context of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [8991/19]

*288. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the proposals of an organisation (details supplied) relating to pharmacy assistants to be unfair in view of the fact that the pharmacy assistant is an occupation that is ceasing due to the average age of pharmacy assistants and retirements. — Thomas Byrne. [8997/19]

*289. To ask the Minister for Health if a night nurse will be accommodated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9002/19]

*290. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for withdrawal of homecare support in the case of a person (details supplied); the action being taken to reinstate the homecare support required with particular reference to their medical requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9005/19]

*291. To ask the Minister for Health the level of midwifery staffing in the nineteen maternity units as measured against the 2016 birthrate plus; and the recommended midwifery staffing levels. — Clare Daly. [9013/19]

*292. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 100 midwifery posts recommended by the 2016 birthrate plus consultancy report and advertised in 2016 under phase I of the report that are filled. — Clare Daly. [9014/19]

*293. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the additional 100 midwifery posts recommended by the 2016 birthrate plus consultancy report and advertised in 2017 under phase II of the report that are filled. — Clare Daly. [9015/19]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 15 director of midwifery posts advertised in 2016 that are filled. — Clare Daly. [9016/19]

*295. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent midwives in the Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2018. — Clare Daly. [9017/19]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74 of 5 February 2019, the proportion of women that will be accessing the supported care pathway entirely by the end of 2019. — Clare Daly. [9018/19]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the planned transfer of a HSE owned site at a location (details supplied) to a refuge for development as a step down facility was cancelled in January 2019; the plans the HSE has for the future of the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [9030/19]

*298. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [9033/19]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the role of regional health forums in the governance of health services; if regional health forums will be retained in their current form; if they will be aligned with the proposed regional integrated care organisations; the way in which they will interact and relate to regional integrated care organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9034/19]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made regarding the alignment of community health organisations and hospital groups and for the establishment of regional integrated care organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9035/19]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health when an application for a homecare package by a person (details supplied) will be processed to completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [9052/19]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health the number of urologist consultants in each of the RCSI hospitals in 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of consultant urology hours provided in each hospital under current contracts; the number of urology surgeries that were cancelled in each RCSI hospital in 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9059/19]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health if additional home help hours will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9062/19]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 158 of 30 January 2019 and the response of the HSE, the action taken to inform the person (details supplied) of the reason for the non-payment of the incremental credits they were entitled to; the dates of communication with the person to inform them of non-payment; if they were provided the opportunity to appeal the decision; if the decision not to pay the increments will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [9066/19]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health the progress of legislation to provide for exclusion zones for protests around health institutions such as general practitioner offices and hospitals in which termination of pregnancy services may be provided. — Clare Daly. [9080/19]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list aged 0 to 4, 5 to 12 and 12 to 18 years of age; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by LHO and age in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [9083/19]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy initial assessment waiting list aged 0 to 4, 5 to 12 and 12 to 18 years of age; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by LHO in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [9084/19]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list aged 0 to 4, 5 to 12 and 12 to 18 years of age; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by LHO in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [9085/19]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health when Spinraza treatment will be rolled out to SMA sufferers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [9094/19]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health when Spinraza treatment will be rolled out to persons with spinal muscular atrophy under the general medical scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [9106/19]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [9115/19]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health when the Spinraza treatment will be rolled out to SMA sufferers here; the reason for ongoing delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9123/19]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card and general practitioner card users; the number of discretionary medical cards and discretionary general practitioner visit cards in circulation; the statistical increase in those accessing the general medical service scheme over the past four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [9124/19]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health the amount drawn down to date of the €490 million loan secured from the EIB to construct the national children's hospital; if a further loan is being considered in view of increased costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9126/19]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); the reason there is a delay in appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9128/19]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the Spinraza treatment will be made available to sufferers of spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [9129/19]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be made available for the Spinraza treatment for sufferers of spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [9130/19]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health when Spinraza will be rolled out to spinal muscular atrophy sufferers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [9132/19]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health the health projects affected due to the re-profiling of projects to accommodate the reduction in the capital budget for health in 2019 due to the overrun on the national children's hospital. — Louise O'Reilly. [9135/19]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health the person that held his office when the two stage procurement strategy was agreed and signed off upon for the new national children's hospital. — Louise O'Reilly. [9136/19]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [9155/19]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health the number of conferences staff of his Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff that attended each conference; the cost of same in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9171/19]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9188/19]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in his Department, that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to his Department or agency under the remit of his Department; if his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the summit; the cost in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9205/19]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health if HSE policy states that information regarding the fact that the use of morcellators during fibroid surgery may spread cancer and decrease long-term survival of patients due to the fact uterine tissue may contain unsuspected cancer, must be shared by the consulting doctor with patients when considering surgery with the use of these devices. — Clare Daly. [9215/19]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter in relation to the waiting time for test results for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9218/19]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter in relation to patient safety (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9228/19]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the amount collected by the HSE from public patients that were involuntarily detained under the Mental Health Act 2001 since 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [9235/19]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health if the parents and or guardians of children involuntarily detained under the Mental Health Act 2001 are subject to inpatient fees; if so, the amount per year that is collected from this cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [9236/19]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health when Spinraza treatment will be rolled out to persons with spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [9238/19]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health if Irish citizens in Northern Ireland will be able to apply for a European health insurance card through the HSE post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9243/19]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding that will be made available to drug task forces and community drugs projects in 2019, by project; if an emerging needs fund will be established; the additional funding available in 2019 for same; the additional funding made available to implement the National Drugs Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [9249/19]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and when they can expect a hospital appointment. — Barry Cowen. [9256/19]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have surgery; if the procedure will be carried out under the National Treatment Purchase Fund or the EU cross border directive; if a date will be provided for the surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [9275/19]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for the provision of specialised autism specific respite services in Cahir, County Tipperary will be approved; if the case of persons (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [9298/19]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a hip operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [9309/19]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be given an appointment in hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [9310/19]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list to see each consultant neurologist at Beaumont Hospital; the average waiting time to see each consultant; the steps being taken to reduce the waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [9320/19]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing and configuration deficits in each of the early supported discharge teams; the additional funding needed to address same; the number of persons across each operating site that have been discharged home via early supported discharge for stroke patients since the first ESD roll out in 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [9321/19]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 397 of 5 February 2019, the costs associated with the publication in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [9323/19]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment in relation to a hip replacement. — Martin Ferris. [9326/19]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the costing and funding spent on a project (details supplied) in its first design stage before it stopped. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [9329/19]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for patients referred to Cork University Hospital for ophthalmology assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [9337/19]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health if the medication of a person (details supplied) is on a list of medications that may be affected by Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9339/19]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting on a bed in the Mater Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9340/19]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to the use of agency staff in the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9341/19]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to implement the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018, in particular the policy regarding minimum unit pricing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9353/19]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of the first contract awarded to a company (details supplied) for the national children's hospital; the variation of final cost from original tender; if there

were changes to the design of the initial contract; if so, if these changes were carried out during construction stage of the initial contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [9356/19]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health if there were changes to the detail design of the national children's hospital after the initial contract was signed and construction commenced on the site; if such changes had an impact on the construction costs associated with the first contract awarded to a company (details supplied); if there were material changes to the foundations and underground car park layout and other associated site works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [9357/19]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a survey and a report carried out by a company (details supplied); if so, if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that 31% of respondents claimed discrimination in relation to their trade union activity; the action taken to rectify the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9360/19]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that 48% of respondents claimed to have experienced bullying and or harassment in the National Ambulance Service within the previous two years of a survey (details supplied) being carried out; the action he has taken to date to rectify the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9361/19]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that 68% of respondents claimed to have witnessed bullying and or harassment in the National Ambulance Service within the previous two years of a survey (details supplied) being carried out; the action he has taken to date to rectify the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9362/19]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether there may be a culture of bullying and or harassment within the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9363/19]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the action he plans to take to prevent the upcoming ambulance dispute strikes on 28 February and 1 March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9364/19]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the HSE continues to decline an invitation from a union (details supplied) to attend the WRC to find a solution to the ongoing dispute contrary to his preference for negotiation in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9365/19]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that only 4% of staff have confidence in senior management within the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9366/19]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health the action he plans to take in relation to the fact that 5% of staff agree that communication between senior management and staff is effective in the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9367/19]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that have been taken by the National Ambulance Service in relation to the finding in the national staff survey that only 3% of staff agree that senior managers act on staff feedback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9368/19]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the tender process which was undertaken before it was agreed that a company (details supplied) would be hired to compile the report into the national children's hospital overspend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9371/19]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cervical smear tests provided by the national screening service in each of the years 2012 to 2018. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [9392/19]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health if he has read the health sector national staff survey 2016 National Ambulance Service report from January 2017 carried out by a company (details supplied); if so, if his attention has been drawn to the issues raised in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9400/19]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health if matters (details supplied) will be addressed regarding the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9401/19]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health if he or his officials received advice from the National Screening Service between 25 and 28 April 2018 that recommended against the introduction of out of cycle smear tests prior to his decision to approve out of cycle smear tests. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [9410/19]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to create a community transport service for those with disabilities needing to attend services which are a substantial distance from their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [9434/19]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health if a report on the implementation of each of the 22 recommendations in the National Youth Mental Health Task Force Report 2017 will be provided in tabular form. — James Browne. [9465/19]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the transport support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [9466/19]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9468/19]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health the details of damages and settlements paid out by or for the HSE in each of the years 2014 to 2018, by CHO respectively in tabular form; and the nature of the complaint settled. — Pat Buckley. [9477/19]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9478/19]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that only 4% of staff have confidence in senior management within the National Ambulance Service according to the Health Sector

National Staff Survey 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [9488/19]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to address the fact that only 5% of staff agree that communication between senior management and staff is effective in the National Ambulance Service according to the Health Sector National Staff Survey 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [9489/19]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health the actions taken by the National Ambulance Service in relation to the finding in the Health Sector National Staff Survey 2016 that only 3% of staff agree that senior managers act on staff feedback. — Peadar Tóibín. [9490/19]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health if the ambulance control centre in Tallaght, Dublin 24 keeps a digital record of its rapid response vehicles and ambulances. — Peadar Tóibín. [9491/19]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health when the construction of the modular unit of South Tipperary General Hospital will be completed; if the €7.5 million required to staff it has been allocated in Budget 2019; if the recruitment process has commenced to staff the unit; the length of time the recruitment process will take; if the unit will be in a position to take patients by August 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [9492/19]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that applications for home help or homecare packages submitted to the HSE by medical social workers or public health nurses and assessed in favour of provision are not being provided on the basis that the funding is not available to provide the supports and the HSE is unable to advise when the funding will become available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9494/19]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health when Mayo University Hospital will receive the modular unit for the overcrowded emergency department; if it is in the capital plan for 2019 or 2020; and the estimated cost of same. — Lisa Chambers. [9495/19]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the findings of the Health Sector National Staff Survey 2016 and the National Ambulance Service Report January 2017 carried out by a company (details supplied) that found 31% of respondents claimed discrimination in relation to their trade union activity in addition to other significant workplace difficulties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9496/19]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the parents of a child (details supplied) were informed that once they reached eight years of years they were no longer entitled to such support. — Mattie McGrath. [9497/19]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for home help or homecare packages on the pending list of the HSE. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9502/19]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health if phase 3C of Naas General Hospital is included in the revised HSE Capital Plan 2019 following adjustments for the new national children's hospital overrun; if so, when tenders will be invited for the project; when construction will commence; the estimated construction timetable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9503/19]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that 31% of respondents of a 2016 survey and a report (details supplied) claimed discrimination in relation to their trade union activity; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that 48% of respondents to the report claimed to have experienced bullying and or harassment in the National Ambulance Service within the previous two years of the survey being carried out; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that 68% of respondents claimed to have witnessed bullying and or harassment in the service within the previous two years of the survey being carried out; the action he has taken to date to rectify each of these situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [9506/19]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether there may be a culture of bullying and or harassment within the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [9507/19]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to prevent the upcoming ambulance dispute strikes on 28 February and 1 March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [9508/19]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the HSE continues to decline an invitation from a union (details supplied) to attend the WRC to find a solution to the ongoing dispute contrary to his indication that he would prefer negotiation in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [9509/19]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in the determination of a medical card application by a person (details supplied); when the application is likely to be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9527/19]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 322 and 331 of 19 February 2019, the details of the comprehensive and coordinated set of preparations to ensure continuity of health service post-Brexit; and the work undertaken by the HSE in relation to same to date. — Bríd Smith. [9534/19]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health the procedures in place for persons that access treatment under the EU cross border directive in the UK; and if he has requested an arrangement with the UK to replace same. — Bríd Smith. [9535/19]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health if persons that may have to travel to other EU countries, thus accruing higher travel costs than if they travelled to the UK for medical treatment under the EU cross border directive post-Brexit, will receive financial assistance for travel costs. — Bríd Smith. [9536/19]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health the processing times for cross border directive refunds; the measures put in place to reduce waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9538/19]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date on the proposed cannabis access programme; if potential suppliers have been identified; and the timeframe for the implementation of the programme. — Gino Kenny. [9540/19]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health the number of licences issued to date for medical cannabis. — Gino Kenny. [9541/19]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health if an importation licence has been granted to a company that will supply cannabis for the cannabis access programme. — Gino Kenny. [9542/19]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health the detail of the decision of the HSE leadership team in relation to extending Spinraza to persons with spinal muscular atrophy. — Sean Sherlock. [9543/19]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health his views in relation to the provision of a youth worker in a location (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9545/19]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting to be admitted to the National Rehabilitation Hospital; the average waiting time for persons waiting for a bed; his plans to reduce these waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9548/19]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health if the new endoscopy unit and other services at Naas General Hospital is included in the revised HSE Capital Plan 2019 following adjustments for the new national children's hospital overrun; if so, when tenders will be invited for the project; when construction is likely to commence; the estimated construction timetable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9556/19]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the Health Sector National Staff Survey 2016, National Ambulance Services Report January 2017 undertaken by a company (details supplied); if so, his views on the fact that 31% of respondents that claimed discrimination in relation to their trade union activity; and the way in which he plans to address the continued refusal by the HSE to attend the Workplace Relations Commission with a union to find a solution to the ongoing dispute. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [9560/19]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of funds received by his Department or channelled through his Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9573/19]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the Health Products Regulatory Authority plans to monitor the safety of the HPV vaccine Gardasil 9 as a black triangle product; if it is to be administered to girls and boys here simultaneously with other vaccines as proposed by HIQA in its health technology assessment on extending the HPV vaccination to boys; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [9582/19]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the use by HIQA of Norwegian health technology assessment local data in the absence of validated Irish data on hospitalisation rates for the associated adverse events of the HPV vaccine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [9583/19]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the HIQA health technology assessment report on extending the HPV vaccine to boys (details supplied); if HIQA included studies in its review that did not conform with the EU, EMA, HPRA, FDA and WHO definition of a serious adverse event; and if so, the definition of such an event HIQA used to select relevant international literature for the purpose of its assessment. — Clare Daly. [9584/19]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [9586/19]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health when Spinraza will be made available through the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9587/19]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter in relation to the temporary absence of legislation for pharmacists (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9588/19]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the National Ambulance Service has embarked on a process of converting ambulances with excessive mileage that have been withdrawn from front line service to emergency equipment carriers; the cost involved for the conversion; his views on whether it would be more appropriate to purchase more modern vehicles which would have a longer lifespan rather than vehicles that are already decommissioned and are unsuitable for further use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9599/19]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health the purpose for which the emergency equipment carriers are to be used in the National Ambulance Service; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that no other European country converts ambulances to equipment carriers which have been retired from active frontline services; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that specialised vehicles are purchased for this task in all other European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9600/19]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health if four of the five helicopters in use for inter-helicopter transfers are not capable of landing on the rooftop planned for the new national children's hospital; if the aviation providers were consulted in the process of the design of the new national children's hospital; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that at night-time the helicopters will have to land at Dublin Airport and transport sick children by ambulance to the new national children's hospital in view of the fact none of the five helicopters will be able to land on the proposed helipad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9601/19]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are two ambulance controls in Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9602/19]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the HSE has paid members of the Ambulance Service in relation to bullying in the past 15 years; the number of cases in which bullying was involved by management or co-workers; the number of incidents of bullying which involved women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9603/19]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health the number of stage two and three grievances which were dealt with in the time parameters as set out in the HSE grievance procedure with reference to the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9604/19]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health the number of calls that required ambulance staff to work beyond their rostered finishing time in the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9605/19]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE capital plan for 2019 will be finalised and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [9609/19]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health when additional funding (details supplied) will be allocated; if it can be allocated as an increase to core funding to support existing projects and programmes and to meet emerging needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [9611/19]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9612/19]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide a specific separate Traveller health budget in future budgets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [9618/19]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health if he has examined the possibility of introducing free public transport; if there are costings on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9626/19]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a competition (details supplied) which was due to go out to public tender in 2017; the progress with the tender; when it will be published or retendered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [9629/19]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a competition (details supplied); when it is due to be retendered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [9630/19]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health when the tender for a matter (details supplied) will be awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [9631/19]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health when the tender for a matter (details supplied) will be awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [9632/19]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the neurology waiting list in Tallaght Hospital over the past three years by the length of time they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [9633/19]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health the programmes and projects undertaken to achieve strategic action 1.2.8 of the National Drug Strategy, to improve services for young people at risk of substance misuse in socially and economically disadvantaged communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [9644/19]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health the dates on which and the attendees of the National Oversight Committee established to drive the implementation of reducing harm, supporting recovery; the frequency with which the committee has met; if it has made recommendations or published progress reports regarding the implementation of the national drug and alcohol strategy since its publication in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [9645/19]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 180 of 24 January 2019, if a person is eligible for the NTPF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [9651/19]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and when they can expect a hospital appointment. — Barry Cowen. [9657/19]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the allocation of funding for the upgrade of the central sterile services department at Sligo University Hospital for which planning permission is approved; the expected timeframe for the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [9658/19]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the allocation of funding for additional medical beds at Sligo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [9659/19]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the allocation of funding required to commence building of the diabetes day unit at Sligo University Hospital; the original timeframe for the completion of the project; the current timeframe for the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [9660/19]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be approved to progress with phase 2 of the interventional radiology suite at Sligo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [9661/19]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be approved to progress with stage 2b works on the emergency department and surgical block at Sligo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [9663/19]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to provision of funding for phases 2 and 3 of the paediatric department of Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9668/19]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) is being expedited. — Sean Sherlock. [9671/19]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision of Spinraza to children with spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [9683/19]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health when the second report into the CervicalCheck scandal will be published which was dealing with full contractual and quality control issues in relation to the laboratories used by CervicalCheck; the reason it has been delayed; if the terms of reference provided to a person (details supplied) for this work will be published; when these terms of reference were provided to the person; if the person expressed concerns regarding this work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9685/19]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 447 of 29 January 2019, if the attention of the HSE has been drawn to certain matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9626/19]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not been provided with an appropriate care package to allow them to be discharged from hospital; and the steps he will take with the HSE to ensure the person receives homecare. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9749/19]

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

*437. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the recent comments made by the UK Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in relation to the impact that tariffs will have on the UK agri-food industry and on the cost and availability of food in shops there; the discussions he has had with EU counterparts in relation to the impact WTO tariffs will have on exports to the UK if a hard Brexit occurs; and if a special fund will be made available to prepare farmers and industry for same. — Micheál Martin. [9377/19]

*438. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to put a proposal to the EU Commission regarding a package of market supports for beef farmers that are experiencing particular difficulties at present due to the fluctuation in sterling and the uncertainty caused by Brexit. — Brian Stanley. [9010/19]

*439. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to amend the supports in relation to the suckler cow scheme to help alleviate the weakness in the sector. — Brian Stanley. [9011/19]

*440. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he held or plans to hold discussions with the beef processing industry to raise with it the problems farmers are experiencing within the sector. — Brian Stanley. [9012/19]

*441. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the definition of a suckler beef cow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [9024/19]

*442. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of herds restricted due to TB; the number of restricted herds that took in cattle between the date of their last clear test and the date on which they were initially restricted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [9025/19]

*443. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 200 to 202 of 7 February 2019, when a mechanical grading machine is found to be out of sync, the person or body that carries out the service on the machine before a subsequent classification check can be carried out by officials from his Department; the adjustments or corrections made and taken; the location in which they are recorded in order to document the root cause of the issue which led to the machine falling out of sync; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [9026/19]

*444. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the service audit trail that exists to ensure that adjustments made to mechanical grading machines to bring them back within EU defined tolerances are not intentionally or accidentally changed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [9027/19]

*445. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 495 of 5 February 2019, the number of herds in receipt of the beef data and genomics programme payments that have more than one animal registered in their herd that is not identified as a beef breed as defined by the scheme guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [9028/19]

*446. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he has taken and his plans to deal in a sustainable manner with the significant amount of timber left in situ following forestry clearfell; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [9046/19]

*447. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a sheep welfare payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9050/19]

*448. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the terms of reference for the recently announced independent review into forestry in County Leitrim report have been made public; if community groups can make suggestions regarding the terms of reference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [9060/19]

*449. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an out of day payable order will be reissued to the estate of a person (details supplied); if not, if payment has been refunded to the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [9076/19]

*450. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a grant for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9090/19]

*451. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of operational veterinary inspectors; the number that will be operational on 29 March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [9101/19]

*452. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of operational phytosanitary inspectors; the number that will be operational on 29 March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [9102/19]

*453. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the €25 million Brexit loan scheme announced in Budget 2018 will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [9104/19]

*454. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter in relation to payments to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9139/19]

*455. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for a new AEOS scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9141/19]

*456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of conferences staff of his Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff that attended each conference; the cost of same in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9161/19]

*457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9178/19]

*458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff in his Department that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to his Department or agency under the remit of his Department; if his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the summit; the cost in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9195/19]

*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a matter will be examined in relation to boat length requirements (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9216/19]

*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being taken to address concerns regarding the porcine genetic industry relative to a Brexit scenario (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9231/19]

*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the procurement process applicable to the granting of the sporthorse studbook licence; the status of the recommendation of a report to transfer the sport horse studbook licence to a society (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [9276/19]

*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to update the Forestry Act 1946. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9347/19]

*463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the additional measures he plans to implement to support the farming and agri-food sector in view of the recent comments by British Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Mr. Michael Gove MP in relation to the imposition of tariffs on food imports to Britain in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9413/19]

*464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he will take to resolve the information technology issues with the processing of GLAS applications in order that a person (details supplied) can receive a 2018 payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [9520/19]

*465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a TAMS application will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [9539/19]

*466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of funds received by his Department or channelled through his Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9563/19]

*467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he has taken to address the issues raised in the report Wood Supply and Demand on the Island of Ireland to 2025; the number of recommendations actioned arising from the report titled Forests, products and people - Ireland's forest policy - a renewed vision; the number of recommendations that have not been actioned; the amount invested in the sector in each of the years 2014 to date; if the certification of private forests has resulted in a full take-up; if certification has been made more viable for the owners of small forests; the level of grant aid available for private forest owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [9592/19]

*468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the marketing and promotional expenditure of Bord Bia; if he is satisfied that this spend represents value for money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9617/19]

*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of dogs entering here each year under the EU pet travel scheme (details supplied); the countries of origin; the number of dogs entering here each year under Council Directive 92/65/EEC; the countries of origin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [9621/19]

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

*470. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when gas pipeline works will take place in an estate (details supplied) in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [9670/19]

*471. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to include a pilot scheme for community owned renewable projects in the 2019 renewable electricity support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [9063/19]

*472. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if Ireland is in breach of the EU emissions ceilings directive on emissions of NOX and the related WHO limits for clean air; and if so, his plans and timescale to address same. — Catherine Martin. [9118/19]

*473. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to roll out fast charging infrastructure for electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [9119/19]

*474. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the scholarship schemes operated by his Department; the criteria for award; the amount of the award; the number of awardees for the dates for which figures are available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [9120/19]

*475. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of staff in his Department that work in communications, climate action, oil and gas exploration, regulation issues, environment and other issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [9121/19]

*476. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when new air quality monitoring will be rolled out in Dublin city; the type of gasses, pollutants and so on that will be measured (details supplied); the number of stations that will be provided; if real time information will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [9122/19]

*477. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the national clean air strategy report will be published; his plans to implement action to tackle air pollution in towns such as Enniscorthy and New Ross, County Wexford in view of the fact that air pollution is more damaging at lower concentrations than was previously understood; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [9127/19]

*478. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of conferences staff of his Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff that attended each conference; the cost of same in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9164/19]

*479. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9181/19]

*480. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of staff in his Department that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to his Department or agency under the remit of his Department; if his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the summit; the cost in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9198/19]

*481. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated cost of buying sufficient credits to prevent Ireland from breaching its EU climate obligations on the basis of the most likely emission profiles for each year until 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9230/19]

*482. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason an application by a persons (details supplied) under the warmer homes scheme to have external wall insulation provided has been refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [9269/19]

*483. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if broadband will be provided in an area (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [9270/19]

*484. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if phase one of the National Broadband Plan will supply broadband coverage to a property (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [9272/19]

*485. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when fibre broadband will be rolled out in a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9277/19]

*486. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to introduce legislation to make it compulsory to keep Leylandii trees under control (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9287/19]

*487. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a tender process exists for finance companies being promoted through financial advertising through SEAI conferences by which the Authority is promoting private finance companies to assist in retrofitting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [9433/19]

*488. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which persons in towns and villages in County Wexford that dispose of rubbish using crushing machines will be excused during inspections of their means of rubbish disposal; the position

regarding bin charges for households in which a household member is incontinent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [9449/19]

*489. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the energy saving grants available to SMEs and businesses; the grants available to SMEs and businesses for solar power system installation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [9474/19]

*490. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 526 of 5 February 2019, the number of expressions of interest received by the closing date of 14 February 2019; when tenders will be invited from the shortlist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9505/19]

*491. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if proposals will be brought forward for a pilot programme for a deposit return policy for plastic bottles to commence the process of reducing the amount of plastic dumped in the environment annually; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [9530/19]

*492. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if assistance is available in the form of grants or otherwise to enable rural service stations or others to provide power points for the charging of electric vehicles to ensure nationwide coverage of power points thus facilitating an increase in the number of environmentally friendly vehicles on roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9559/19]

*493. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the breakdown of funds received by his Department or channelled through his Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9566/19]

*494. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding schemes or incentives available to public sector premises such as schools and colleges to retrofit their fluorescent lighting to more energy efficient and eco-friendly alternatives such as LED lighting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [9593/19]

*495. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the practice by some waste management companies by which customers are charged a service fee for weeks when they do not leave their bins out for collection will be investigated; the legal status of such a charge (details supplied); and his views on whether such charges are in direct contradiction to environmental protection policies in view the fact that households that engage in recycling activities are being penalised with extra charges for doing so. — Robert Troy. [9608/19]

*496. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 529 of 5 February 2019, if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [9613/19]

*497. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress he has made with the relevant agencies and stakeholders to deliver the annual support of €75 for the disposal of medical incontinence wear for vulnerable persons to help meet the average annual cost of disposing of domestic waste; when he expects this support to be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [9640/19]

*498. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when a location (details supplied) will have access to broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [9648/19]

*499. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason for the delayed implementation deadline for extended producer responsibility measures following interinstitutional negotiations which would not need to come into effect until 31 December 2024 (details supplied); and the steps he will take to support more ambitious targets for this directive. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9672/19]

*500. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 509 of 19 February 2019, the reason he did not state if there is a protocol or set of guidelines for his Department in relation to sharing information, including amendments that are not available to the public with lobbyists, industry, NGOs and others during EU interinstitutional negotiations; the protocols and guidelines in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9673/19]

*501. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 509 of 19 February 2019, his views on a revision upwards of the EU wide nationally determined contribution for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, compared to 1990 levels; his plans to seek to strengthen the 2030 climate goals of the EU from the current 40% to the recommended 55%, in order to be compliant with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recommendations of keeping global warming under 1.5 degrees celsius; and the ambition he will be advocating for EU climate targets. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9674/19]

*502. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures he is taking with the EU to raise climate action ambition; and the steps he is taking to reverse the reputation Ireland has as of playing a negative role in the formation of EU climate policy according to an organisation (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [9675/19]

*503. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if fibre broadband will be supplied to a property (details supplied) through phase one of the National Broadband Plan. — Robert Troy. [9707/19]

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

*504. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the M20 and N20 project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [9116/19]

*505. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if legislation will be introduced to allow emergency vehicles operated by the Irish Coast Guard to use blue lights and sirens; if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of Irish Coast Guard personnel that they will be unable to respond to emergencies effectively in view of traffic congestion in north county Dublin coastal areas particularly during the summer months; the consideration given to the issue previously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [9278/19]

*506. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if investments will be made to the National Stud to support it as an icon tourist destination nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [9330/19]

*507. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for a driver test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8980/19]

*508. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason the Minister of State with responsibility for Defence met the European Commissioner for Transport, Ms Violeta Bulc on 1 February 2019 and not him; if this was an official meeting; if officers from his Department were present; if his attention was drawn to the meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [8986/19]

*509. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 222 of 14 February 2019, if the only munitions on board the aircraft were unloaded personal weapons of troops of the United States of America. — Clare Daly. [8995/19]

*510. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 222 of 14 February 2019, the procedures followed to check if there were weapons or munitions on board other than the unloaded personal weapons of troops in view of the fact that the destination of the aircraft was an airbase being used to support the Saudi Arabian and Emirati war against Yemen at a time of ceasefire. — Clare Daly. [8996/19]

*511. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his Department has investigated international best practice in terms of evaluating the relative safety merits of different bus models; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9022/19]

*512. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has received concerns from the public that among the large number of imported cars in recent years are repaired vehicles which suffered extensive damage in collisions in the UK and that resulting defects are not readily detectable by the NCT and may be a danger to road safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [9039/19]

*513. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has liaised with the RSA in relation to imported vehicles which may have been repaired in the UK but whose defects are not apparent in the current NCT; his views on whether the legislation in relation to category C and D damaged vehicles needs to be updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [9040/19]

*514. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when successful applicants regarding the sports capital grant will be notified of funding; and the status of same. — Niamh Smyth. [9049/19]

*515. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the cost of introducing a nationwide accident signalling system in order to alert motorists to the presence of an accident on a major roadway has been examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9072/19]

*516. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated cost of allowing small SPSVs to utilise the Dublin Tunnel free of charge. — Robert Troy. [9073/19]

*517. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated cost to construct the DART underground tunnel. — Robert Troy. [9074/19]

*518. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of passenger journeys by operator in each of the years 2006 to 2010, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [9086/19]

*519. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the revenue generated by each State operator in each of the years 2006 to 2010, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [9087/19]

*520. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures and funding that can be provided to alleviate speeding in a village (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [9098/19]

*521. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the increase in public service obligation subvention needed to reduce average Iarnród Éireann ticket prices by a quarter, a half and to completely subsidise all public train usage. — Imelda Munster. [9108/19]

*522. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the increase in public service obligations subvention needed to reduce average Bus Éireann ticket prices by a quarter, a half and to completely subsidise all public train usage. — Imelda Munster. [9109/19]

*523. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the increase in public service obligation subvention needed to reduce prices of all public transport covered by the public service obligation to average European Union prices. — Imelda Munster. [9110/19]

*524. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated usage of passengers of Iarnród Éireann, Bus Éireann and Dublin Bus by estimated age groups of passengers in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [9111/19]

*525. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of bus and train journeys completed each year by transport services covered by the public service obligation by county or a comparable regional data set. — Imelda Munster. [9112/19]

*526. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding provided to the National Transport Authority from 2000 to 2019; and the amount expressed as a percentage of total general expenditure in each year in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [9113/19]

*527. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of public service obligation subvention provided to public transport in gross terms; and the amount expressed as a percentage of total funding provided to NTA public transport in 2000 to 2019, in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [9114/19]

*528. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his consideration of a report (details supplied) on the future of Rosslare Europort has concluded; if not, when it will conclude in view of responses to Parliamentary Questions which acknowledge the restrictions the ownership model places on future development; if the report will be published; and if a debate in Dáil Éireann on the matter will be facilitated in view of importance of the port post-Brexit. — Robert Troy. [9144/19]

*529. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on reopening Killucan railway station. — Robert Troy. [9146/19]

*530. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a matter (details supplied) in relation to taxi licence exams will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9154/19]

*531. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a road project (details supplied) in County Kildare; and the efforts being made to complete the project on time. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9156/19]

*532. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of conferences staff of his Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff that attended each conference; the cost of same in each year; if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9177/19]

*533. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9194/19]

*534. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of staff in his Department, that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to his Department or agency under the remit of his Department; if his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the summit; the cost in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9211/19]

*535. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if concessions will be offered in cases in which more than one member of a family must purchase disabled parking discs in respect of the mobility of the same family member; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [9239/19]

*536. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the provision of a footbridge over the N4 at Collooney to connect the commercial zones with the town and ensure public safety will be supported; if funding will be provided for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [9241/19]

*537. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of public lights repaired in each year since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9247/19]

*538. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the plans of the National Transport Authority and Dublin Bus to alleviate customer congestion on bus services from Bray and Greystones to Dublin city along the N11 corridor; if the NTA and Dublin Bus will provide additional bus services on the 84x route; if an additional three buses will be provided on the service in the morning rush hour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [9250/19]

*539. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of occasions the National Civil Aviation Security Committee has met in the past five years to date; if it has identified new risks at airports in that time; the progress made to date in mitigating those risks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [9273/19]

*540. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the rule or directive under which airport security officers have the authority to stop and search Revenue Commissioners enforcement officers at Dublin Airport; the date on which this practice began; the body that has directed these measures be undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [9274/19]

*541. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if an application by a school (details supplied) will be reviewed; when a decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9279/19]

*542. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the average charge for the weekly use of park and ride facilities at Irish Rail stations. — Robert Troy. [9291/19]

*543. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the average charge for the weekly use of park and ride facilities at Bus Éireann stops. — Robert Troy. [9292/19]

*544. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the maintenance arrangements in place in relation to public lighting on national routes including motorways; if an audit has taken place in relation to the number of public lights out of order on national routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9308/19]

*545. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures which will be put in place to mitigate, even temporarily, the effects of a no-deal Brexit on regional airports such as Ireland West Airport. — Imelda Munster. [9315/19]

*546. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to support tourism businesses and visitor attractions in County Kildare ahead of Brexit; the financial support provided by his Department and agencies under the aegis of his Department to visitor attractions in County Kildare in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; the locations of those attractions; the number of tourists to County Kildare in 2016, 2017 and 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [9327/19]

*547. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his officials will visit Inishmurray Island with engineers from Sligo County Council in order to ascertain the work that needs to be carried out to provide a safe landing facility at the island; if he will liaise with the Marine Survey Office regarding the works required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [9393/19]

*548. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding allocated for sustainable transport measures grants in 2019 by each heading; the funding code of his Department for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [9409/19]

*549. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding and or grants available in 2019 and 2020 for the provision of new cycleways, pedestrian ways, maintenance and or upgrade of existing cycle and walk ways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [9414/19]

*550. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of national and international visitors visiting County Cork; the bed nights available in north County Cork; the demographic of visitors by age, income and nationality; the tourism budget spent in north County Cork in each of the years 2013 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [9446/19]

*551. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which the food tourism, activity tourism and initiatives (details supplied) in north County Cork fit within the market and branding strategy for the Wild Atlantic Way, Ireland's Ancient East and the Hidden Heartlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [9447/19]

*552. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to protect the road haulage industry in the event of a hard Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [9448/19]

*553. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of his engagement of a mediator from an organisation (details supplied) to assist in discussions between Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and a club (details supplied); the cost incurred in doing so in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the name of the mediator; if the mediator has been contracted by his Department; if so, the length of time for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9455/19]

*554. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the name of mediators engaged by him from an organisation (details supplied) between 2016 and 2019; the reason for which they were engaged; the costs incurred in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019 in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9456/19]

*555. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a matter regarding transport in rural areas will be addressed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9463/19]

*556. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures put in place to enable Irish citizens resident in Northern Ireland to apply for an Irish driver licence post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9470/19]

*557. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of buggy and wheelchair zones that will be aboard the new buses purchased for the Dublin Bus fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9479/19]

*558. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the Ballydangan and Creagh bus stops will be reinstated in the expressway service in County Roscommon in view of the population base and level of demand for the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [9531/19]

*559. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the LocalLink bus service for counties Sligo, Leitrim and Roscommon can be extended to the Ballydangan and Creagh areas of County Roscommon in view of the withdrawal of the Bus Éireann stops from the expressway services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [9532/19]

*560. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of driver test instructors that have been hired in each quarter since quarter one in 2016. — Robert Troy. [9533/19]

*561. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if work will be carried out on a road (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9549/19]

*562. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the breakdown of funds received by his Department or channelled through his Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9578/19]

*563. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether it is acceptable that Bus Éireann requires at least 24 hours notice for disability access; if public transport should be

accessible at all times under the EU directives; and the steps he is taking to ensure that bus stations that have been given at least 24 hours notice will have the facility to offer the service in commuter towns such as Ballyshannon, County Donegal. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9585/19]

*564. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the NTA will be requested to work with Irish Rail to ensure overcrowded services are supplemented with buses (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [9607/19]

*565. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Luas park and ride facility at a location (details supplied) is due to close on 31 March 2019; if the facility can be renegotiated or an alternative park and ride facility be sought to serve passengers from Newcastle and Rathcoole that use the Fortunestown Luas red line stop; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [9610/19]

*566. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason motorbikes are exempt from a NCT test or a similar test as required by other vehicles; if introducing such a test has been examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [9624/19]

*567. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the implementation of the national cycle policy framework; the steps and timeframe for its full implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [9639/19]

*568. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress made in the opening of Kishogue train station which has been undertaken by the NTA; when the station will be fully open and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [9646/19]

*569. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans, proposals and the timeframe to provide transport infrastructure to facilitate the development of a SDZ at Clonburris, County Dublin with 8,500 homes supporting an estimated population of approximately 21,000 persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [9647/19]

*570. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding under the B8 sustainable transport code by its various subheads for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [9667/19]

*571. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the green card requirement for drivers entering the United Kingdom following Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9676/19]

*572. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the plans of Iarnród Éireann to increase the number of carriages from four to six on the 8.25am DART from Bray towards Dublin city centre due to high demand. — Pat Casey. [9750/19]

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

*573. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a project (details supplied) can be guaranteed its funding in 2019. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8974/19]

*574. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if funding for a project (details supplied) will be confirmed for 2019; the reason the project received no funding or confirmation of

same from her Department since November 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9004/19]

*575. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the engagement she has had with Tusla, a refuge (details supplied) and the HSE on the planned transfer of the vacant site from the HSE to the refuge in order to develop step down accommodation and a children's centre; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the planned transfer of the site was halted in January 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [9029/19]

*576. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a centre (details supplied) will be funded as a family resource centre. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9053/19]

*577. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 592 of 22 January 2019, the reason the board of Tusla did not receive a copy of a report (details supplied) until April 2018, almost two years after it was completed. — Clare Daly. [9077/19]

*578. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason a report (details supplied) is referred to as an internal management report by letter from the board of Tusla dated 20 November 2018. — Clare Daly. [9078/19]

*579. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of conferences staff of her Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff that attended each conference; the cost of same in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9163/19]

*580. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9180/19]

*581. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of staff in her Department, that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to her Department or agency under the remit of her Department; if her Department or an agency under the remit of her Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the summit; the cost in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9197/19]

*582. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of social workers employed by Tusla covering the Dublin 5, 13 and 17 areas by type of service provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [9316/19]

*583. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when family resource centres will receive notification of their 2019 allocations; if existing centres will see their annual budget increase in line with the budgets of new centres which opened in the past two years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9333/19]

*584. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the two directors of an organisation (details supplied) paid themselves €447,000 in director's fees and also withdrew €1 million in dividends in 2016 out of a total of €7.33 million they received from Tusla; and her views on whether this is a good use of public funding. — Clare Daly. [9335/19]

*585. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she will take to revise the new compliance audits on childcare services in view of the issues in relation to the matter by community providers of the service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [9561/19]

*586. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the breakdown of funds received by her Department or channelled through her Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9565/19]

*587. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on a matter in relation to community childcare services (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9614/19]

*588. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated proportion of children born in 2015 that are assumed to make use of the second year of the early childhood care and education scheme. — Joan Burton. [9622/19]

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

*589. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the review of the local community and economic plans; and if there is scope for migrant integration actions to be added to the plans in the context of the requirement of action 52 of the National Migrant Integration Strategy. — Bríd Smith. [9706/19]

*590. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to increase the funding allocation to the twelve volunteer centres that are funded below the minimum figure identified in the McLoughlin report; the expected timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [9089/19]

*591. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of conferences staff of his Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff that attended each conference; the cost of same in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9175/19]

*592. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9192/19]

*593. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of staff in his Department, that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to his Department or agency under the remit of his Department; if his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the summit; the cost in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9209/19]

*594. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applications for funding under a scheme (details supplied) by county; the amounts that have been approved in respect of these projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [9295/19]

*595. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the breakdown of funds received by his Department or channelled through his Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9577/19]

*596. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to increase the funding allocation to twelve volunteer centres that are funded below the minimum figure identified in the McLoughlin report; the expected timeline for doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [9710/19]

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

*597. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position in relation to a teacher in circumstances (details supplied); if such persons that commenced in 1991 are not allowed to change their PRSI contributions and opt for a class A contribution; if so, if the person was to resign their post before 56 years of age and move to the private sector by which they would be compelled to pay a class A contribution would this then qualify them for a percentage of their current pension and the State pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [9708/19]

*598. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for the State pension (non-contributory) by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [9105/19]

*599. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason an application for illness benefit by a person (details supplied) has been refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [9133/19]

*600. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision to issue a pension to community employment supervisors in line with the LRC recommendations will be reviewed. — Robert Troy. [9145/19]

*601. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an appeal by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; the status of this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9159/19]

*602. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of conferences staff of her Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff that attended each conference; the cost of same in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9168/19]

*603. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9185/19]

*604. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of staff in her Department, that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to her Department or agency under the remit of her Department; if her Department or an agency under the remit of her Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the

summit; the cost in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9202/19]

*605. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application for a domiciliary care allowance by a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [9233/19]

*606. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to ensure an increased pension with regard to years spent as a carer or homemaker is awarded to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [9234/19]

*607. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding social welfare payment methods; her views on the way in which recipients of social welfare payments can ensure that bank transfers do not result in increased current account bank charges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [9244/19]

*608. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the processing time for social welfare payments (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9246/19]

*609. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of external training contractors running courses in County Clare under the Clare Education Board; the number of in-house training courses in the county in 2017, 2018 and 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [9252/19]

*610. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a review for a person (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [9257/19]

*611. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if full payment of a carer's allowance will issue to a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [9263/19]

*612. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a review will be undertaken of the payment structure of the free travel scheme, that is, the percentage of commercial fares paid to State transport operators for the provision of the free travel scheme. — Robert Troy. [9294/19]

*613. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the results of research commissioned by her Department into public attitudes to the public services cards. — Thomas Byrne. [9372/19]

*614. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the additional paid parental leave announced as part of Budget 2019 will be available to parents in respect of children born on or after the date of its announcement in Budget 2019; if it will only apply to parents in respect of children born on or after the date of its implementation in late 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [9394/19]

*615. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if there will be administrative or legal technicalities that would mean the exclusion of parents of children born in 2019 after the additional paid parental leave announced as part of Budget 2019; her plans to include those parents with children born after the Budget 2019 announcement in 2019 or that are still under

one year of age when the scheme is implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [9395/19]

*616. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 51 of 19 February 2019, the survey provider that carried out the recent customer survey on the public services card to which she refers; when the survey was carried out; the survey method used; the sample size; the response rate; if only public services card holders were surveyed; the cost of the survey; the full list and order of questions asked; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [9430/19]

*617. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of social welfare recipients that had their payments cut or reduced on foot of recommendations by Turas Nua or Seetec in each of the past two years and to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9431/19]

*618. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 512 of 19 February 2019, if evidence of the financial costs referred to with respect to severing the State's contract with organisations operating the JobPath programme will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9432/19]

*619. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applicants for fuel allowance refused as a result of being over the income threshold. — Bríd Smith. [9451/19]

*620. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the income amounts over the income threshold for fuel allowance of those that were refused the payment. — Bríd Smith. [9452/19]

*621. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to reintroduce the bereavement grant which was cut in 2014; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [9458/19]

*622. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the waiting times in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown local authority area for appeals for disability allowance, illness benefit, invalidity pension, carer's allowance and domiciliary care allowance, respectively for each month from January 2018 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9498/19]

*623. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number and percentage of appeals in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown local authority area that were allowed by appeals officers, partially allowed by appeals officers, revised by a deciding officer and designated persons decision, disallowed by appeals officers and withdrawn, respectively for each the years 2016 the 2018 and to date in 2019, for all payments and benefits under her remit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9499/19]

*624. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to regulate for-profit fixed fee welfare appeals services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [9500/19]

*625. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when payment of illness benefit will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if her attention has been drawn to the fact the payments which were originally paid to the Department of Education and Skills were

refunded to her Department following their retirement but have not yet issued to them. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [9550/19]

*626. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the breakdown of funds received by her Department or channelled through her Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9570/19]

*627. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the social welfare schemes by which payment can be made to a person by cheque; the way in which a person can arrange for their payment to issue by cheque within the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [9623/19]

*628. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she is taking in order to provide stronger protections for workers here in order to reduce inequalities in view of a new economic report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [9641/19]

*629. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on implementing a living wage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [9642/19]

*630. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [9649/19]

*631. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of cases that have been reviewed under the new total contributions approach method for assessing pensioners that became eligible for the State pension after September 2012; the number of such cases in which the payment has increased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9733/19]

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

*632. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to include carer's allowance as income as part of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan. — Robert Troy. [9003/19]

*633. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 754 of 12 February 2019, if he has recovered and or requested that part and or all of the €1.1 million funding allocated be returned to a central fund by the local authority; if the local authority will be granted further funds in order to expand on the schedule of works associated with the project; if there are litigation actions attached to the proposed project as of 18 February 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [9006/19]

*634. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the flexibility local authorities have in relation to rating vacant premises; and if the rates are set by his Department or each local authority. — Dara Calleary. [9048/19]

*635. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to whether housing agencies, banks or NAMA sell directly to persons with disabilities that

are struggling to buy homes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [9061/19]

*636. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the land and property to be transferred to the LDA in tabular form; the lands which have been transferred to date; and the timeframe for the remaining lands identified. — Robert Troy. [9134/19]

*637. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason local authority apartment tenants are barred from availing of the tenant purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConologue. [9142/19]

*638. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of conferences staff of his Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff that attended each conferences; the cost of same in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9172/19]

*639. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9189/19]

*640. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of staff in his Department, that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to his Department or agency under the remit of his Department; if his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the summit; the cost in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9206/19]

*641. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when voter registration forms will be amended to allow for United Kingdom citizens that hold citizenship of a European Union Member State to be able to register as Dáil Éireann and European Parliament voters (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [9212/19]

*642. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to update the Residential Tenancies Act 2004. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9348/19]

*643. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount borrowed from the Housing Finance Agency in respect of the continuation of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [9408/19]

*644. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount granted to each local authority for 2019 in respect of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme in tabular form; the number and names of the local authorities that exhausted funds under the scheme in 2018; the number of local authorities that made applications for further funding for the scheme; the number of local authorities that did not participate or did not grant funds under the scheme in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [9493/19]

*645. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if an exemption will be considered for a sheltered housing service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9537/19]

*646. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the breakdown of funds received by his Department or channelled through his Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9574/19]

*647. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason local authorities are not provided with discretion on eligibility for those marginally above the income threshold when applying for social housing or applying for HAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9589/19]

*648. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if applications which have been successful under the urban regeneration fund can be carried over to the following calendar year. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9677/19]

*649. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there will be flexibility with applications which have been successful under the urban regeneration fund and which relate to purchase of property with the successful applicant due to the delay in the transfer of property. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9678/19]

*650. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if funding under the urban regeneration fund can be used as part of a purchase of property by compulsory purchase order. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9679/19]

*651. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has requested the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities to carry out a review of the Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region; if so, the outcome of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9711/19]

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

*652. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if permission will be provided to a person (details supplied) to allow them to stop their boat at a pier; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9007/19]

*653. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the steps being taken to address safety concerns regarding the greenway walk in the area of Cloncurry Bridge near Enfield, County Meath (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [9528/19]

*654. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the location for National Famine Commemoration Day that has been agreed for the third Sunday in May 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [9042/19]

*655. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if a review of the National Monuments Acts will be considered with a view to amendments in order to ensure that persons that find archaeological objects in circumstances (details supplied) will not be liable to prosecution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [9051/19]

*656. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the bursaries paid out to date following her recent announcement of the Markievicz bursaries of €100,000; the persons or bodies to which they issued; the field of each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9058/19]

*657. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of conferences staff of her Department have attended in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of staff that attended each conference; the cost of same in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9165/19]

*658. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the amount spent in advertising and or sponsorship in respect of conferences external and internal, respectively in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by conference; the aggregate amount for each year; the amount available in the remainder of 2019 to fund same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9182/19]

*659. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of staff in her Department that attended a summit (details supplied) in Dublin in 2017 and 2018, respectively; the cost to her Department or agency under the remit of her Department; if her Department or an agency associated with her Department undertook advertising or sponsorship in respect of the summit; the cost in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [9199/19]

*660. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the breakdown of funds received by her Department or channelled through her Department from EU funds in 2017; and the programmes these funds supported. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9567/19]

*661. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the applications received for funding from Louth County Council or other public bodies including Fáilte Ireland in relation to maintenance or other works to structures (details supplied) and the maintenance of Drogheda town walls and so on; the funds applied for; the status of such applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9595/19]

*662. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if an application has been made by Louth County Council or another body, organisation or person regarding funding for a proposed maritime museum in Drogheda; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9655/19]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADAOIN, 27 FEABHRA, 2019
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 2019**

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

1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will urge the European Union to start negotiations with President Maduro of Venezuela; if all available dispute resolution mechanisms have been utilised including existing frameworks in Latin America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9436/19]

2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the rationale for declaring Ireland in support of Mr. Juan Guaidó as the interim President of Venezuela; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9740/19]

3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when a decision will be made on the appointment of Ireland's next EU Commissioner. — Thomas P. Broughan. [7998/19]

4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress being made to restore power sharing institutions in Northern Ireland. — Robert Troy. [9742/19]

5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the refusal by the Israeli Government to extend the mandate of the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH); if his attention has been drawn to the work of TIPH in monitoring the breeches of a protocol (details supplied); if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the work of the TIPH is enshrined in the Oslo II accords in 1995; and if the decision by the Israeli Government to refuse to extend the mandate of the TIPH will be condemned. — Seán Crowe. [9634/19]

6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he is assessing the impact of Irish unity and planning accordingly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7341/19]

7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on extending the memorandum of understanding between the HSE and Irish Aid operating in relation to Sub-Saharan African countries to Nepal as a low income Asian country with poor health indicators; and his further views on the need for extending this collaboration. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [9690/19]

8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the EU Ambassadors he has met recently. — Michael Moynihan. [8462/19]

9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the indications there are that the UK is likely to soften its demand in relation to the backstop; if, in the absence of same means can be found by which the customs union and single market on the island of Ireland can prevail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9697/19]

10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the coordination of the various State visits that members of the Government are making on St. Patrick's Day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9738/19]

11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps he will take to have the Temporary International Presence in Hebron reinstated as a matter of urgency (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [8900/19]

12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on reports asserting that US special forces and mercenaries engaged by the UAE have conducted targeted killings of religious and political leaders in Yemen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9736/19]

13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he raised the issue of the Israeli Government withholding taxes that it collects on behalf of the Palestinian Authority from the authority with his counterparts across Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9741/19]

14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action he is taking to encourage returning Irish emigrants. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [9681/19]

15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to resume talks with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the political parties in Stormont in relation to the need to have the political institutions in Northern Ireland restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9700/19]

16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when Ireland will ratify the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement on the EU and Cuba. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [9691/19]

17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the recent expulsion of the Temporary International Presence in Hebron from the region and the withdrawal of observers from the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel; his plans to ensure that TIPH is reinstated; if he will report on his efforts to organise a meeting of representatives of Israel and Palestine here to advance a peace process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [8813/19]

18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a commitment will be made for the return of the Temporary International Presence in Hebron, West Bank in view of the deteriorating situation in the region and stated support for the Oslo Accords; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [9689/19]

19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views with regard to some supporters of Israel attempting to equate anti-Semitism with criticism of Israeli treatment of Palestinians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9737/19]

20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when Ireland will ratify the political dialogue and cooperation agreement between the EU and Cuba; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9437/19]

21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the basis on which the decision was taken to recognise a self-appointed person as President of Venezuela; his views on the statement from the UN rapporteur that sanctions on the country are illegal and could amount to crimes against humanity under international law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9735/19]

22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the amassing of troops from the United States of America on the Colombian Venezuelan border (details supplied); if the calls on the Venezuelan military to enter the political arena and engage in a coup will be condemned; and if he will support the Montevideo dialogue initiative. — Seán Crowe. [9636/19]

23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he is satisfied that sufficient resources are in place to deal with increased volume in passport applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9743/19]

24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which he can encourage the international community to take a greater interest in the humanitarian effort in Yemen, the horn of Africa and Venezuela; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9698/19]

25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the EU-Cuba Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement will be ratified (details supplied). — Seán Crowe. [9637/19]

26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of efforts to address the undocumented Irish in the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9703/19]

27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if regulatory alignment on agriculture matters post the UK leaving the European Union has been discussed and agreed as part of the negotiations between the EU Brexit negotiating team and the UK Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [9443/19]

28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on his ongoing monitoring of the reports from Saudi Arabia that eight women being detained in prison are being mistreated; his views on whether sending an all-party delegation to visit them would be appropriate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9739/19]

29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which he plans to ensure that all rights afforded to persons in Northern Ireland under the Good Friday Agreement are upheld in full even in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9705/19]

30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress of the recent talks with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and with the political parties in Stormont in relation to the need to have the Assembly and Executive restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9699/19]

31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of negotiations, particularly those relating to the Border region of counties Cavan and Monaghan in view of Brexit and the possible reintroduction of a hard-Border. — Niamh Smyth. [9442/19]

32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he is preparing a statement on Ireland's vision on Europe and in particular the reform of Europe following consultation on same. — Michael Moynihan. [7045/19]

33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on an initiative (details supplied); and his plans to ensure that all Irish companies respect the business and human rights initiative in view of the fact that it was a policy led by his Department. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [9692/19]

34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the rise of nationalism in EU member states and the threat to the rule of law including in Hungary and Poland; the implications that this potentially has for the future of Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9701/19]

35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of Ireland's bid to win a seat at the UN Security Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9702/19]

36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which he can address human rights abuses in Bahrain further to the concerns articulated by the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation faced by human rights defenders and the concerns for persons (details supplied). — Maureen O'Sullivan. [9688/19]

37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of efforts to double Ireland's global footprint by 2025; the actions taken to date; and the short, medium and long-term actions that will be taken. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [9680/19]

38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a travel plan has commenced in view of Brexit in order to be prepared for the possible reintroduction of a hard-Border. — Niamh Smyth. [9444/19]

39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of his engagement with the EU Brexit negotiating team and the UK Government with a view to ensuring regulatory alignment on agriculture matters post the UK leaving the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [9445/19]

40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) resolution on Sri Lanka 30/1, extended by resolution 34/1, which is due to expire in March 2019 (details supplied); if efforts to ensure a new strong UNHRC resolution on Sri Lanka post-March 2019 will be supported; and if requests for the creation of an international tribunal into the allegations of war crimes in Sri Lanka which have yet to be properly investigated and the perpetrators punished will be supported. — Seán Crowe. [9635/19]

41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a Kurdish Member of Parliament (details supplied) is on a hunger strike since November 2018; and if concerns for their health and well-being will be raised with his Turkish counterpart. — Seán Crowe. [9638/19]

42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the situation in Yemen and the efforts to address the acute risk of famine in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9704/19]