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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]
2. 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]
3. 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]
4. 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]
5. To ask the Taoiseach the role of his Department in relation to contingency planning in respect of Brexit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9457/19]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the all-island civic dialogue held on 15 February 2019. — Micheál Martin. [8465/19]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the all-island civic dialogue on 15 February 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [9092/19]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the all-island civic dialogue held on 15 February 2019. — Eamon Ryan. [9391/19]
9. 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]
10. 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]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the all-island civic dialogue on 15 February 2019. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10515/19]

12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the all-island civic dialogue held on 15 February 2019. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10927/19]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meetings with the French Finance Minister. — Eamon Ryan. [10368/19]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the Portuguese Prime Minister. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10516/19]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagement with the Prime Minister of Portugal, Mr. António Costa. — Mary Lou McDonald. [10782/19]

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

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the status of the Irish language scheme of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [10477/19]

20. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the language scheme in his Department. — Brendan Howlin. [10679/19]

21. 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]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee B (Social Policy and Public Services) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Mary Lou McDonald. [10479/19]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee B (Social Policy and Public Services) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Brendan Howlin. [10480/19]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee B (Social Policy and Public Services) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10926/19]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee F (National Security) last met. — Brendan Howlin. [9513/19]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the EU-League of Arab States summit in Egypt. — Brendan Howlin. [9684/19]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the February 2019 EU-League of Arab States summit in Egypt. — Seán Haughey. [10274/19]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the EU-Arab League summit in Egypt and meetings he attended there. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10517/19]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to Egypt for the EU-Arab League Summit; the bilaterals he held with other leaders; and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [10588/19]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent participation in the summit between the European Union and the League of Arab States. — Joan Burton. [10603/19]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the EU-League of Arab States summit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [10783/19]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he spoke with the Prime Minister of Hungary Mr. Victor Orban at the recent EU- League of Arab States meeting or since. — Micheál Martin. [10907/19]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the recent meetings at the EU-League of Arab States summit in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. — Eamon Ryan. [10952/19]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the public consultations underway or planned by his Department for 2019. — Mary Lou McDonald. [10478/19]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting in Egypt with Prime Minister May and her comments in relation to a deal being done on the EU withdrawal treaty by 29 March 2019. — Micheál Martin. [10589/19]

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with Prime Minister May since 26 February 2019 when she announced her intention to allow a meaningful vote in the House of Commons on a revised exit deal and that this is to be followed by a vote on a no-deal scenario on 13 March 2019. — Micheál Martin. [10590/19]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when he last spoke with the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Theresa May. — Mary Lou McDonald. [10784/19]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plans for a citizens' assembly on gender equality. — Joan Burton. [10602/19]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

39. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the Public Service Pay Commission will report on recruitment and retention in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [10568/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he has issued guidance notes or oversight of the regulation of abnormally low tenders since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [10673/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has consulted with the European Commission or other European bodies on the possibility of additional funding as a consequence of Brexit; the extent to which leeway will be given or is available with regard to the

expenditure benchmark; if he has had formal discussions with the European Union on the relaxing of state aid rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [10677/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the flood relief schemes or capital projects that will be affected by the re-profiling of €3 million of investment under the flood risk management programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [10674/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to review and revise guidelines on the accountability of public servants on State boards in particular civil servants from his Department that are members of State boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [10675/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

44. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has received an opinion from the Regulator of the National Lottery regarding the threat posed by online, offshore bet-on-lottery operators to the National Lottery and the good cause fund; if he will publish this opinion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [10639/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if consideration will be given to disability proofing the next budget and all budgets thereafter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [7147/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the report under section 3 of the Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act 2018 will be published in March 2019; if the report will deal with potential proposals to remedy the position for those that were forced to take the interim measure due to reaching 65 years of age; the associated costs for each remedy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [10565/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the flood defence measures which will be re-profiled. — Robert Troy. [10611/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the capital projects to be delayed or deferred in 2019 to 2022 as a result of the cost overruns in the national children's hospital; when the details of these deferrals will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [10630/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the proposed changes in the external workplace investigation service framework; the firms providing services; and the cost of such services since 2012. — Bríd Smith. [10625/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on whether public procurement processes are fit for purpose in view of the cost overruns at the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10581/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the specific impact the reprofiling of the €3 million from the flood risk management programme in the OPW to pay for the national

children's hospital will have; the projects that will be affected by the reprofiling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [10564/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects reform to feature in respect of policy affecting various Departments with particular reference to the need to ensure equity throughout all Departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10629/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the community sector high level forum has met recently; the progress in regard to pension provision for supervisors and assistant supervisors of community employment schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10450/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to remove members of a union (details supplied) from the provisions of the Public Service Stability Agreement 2018-2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [10623/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he has been alerted to potential budgetary overruns in respect of various Departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10628/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of improvement works at the Hill of Tara, County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [10627/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans in relation to public contracts and lowballing firms as stated in Dáil Éireann on 12 February 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [8037/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to review public service pay in view of the recently agreed deal with nurses; his further plans to open pay negotiations with trade unions and other social partners; if so, when; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [10640/19]

59. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for the Brú na Bóinne visitor centre, County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [10626/19]

60. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the detailed action plan on the requirements of Rosslare Europort in advance of Brexit is due for publication and or finalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [10213/19]

61. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a review has been carried out into monitoring systems for capital and current expenditure across Government and in which there has been a review of his Department's invigilation of these expenditures; the changes in procedure following such reviews; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10484/19]

62. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when he expects capital projects in County Kildare under Project Ireland 2040 to be progressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [10614/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the annual cost of public private partnerships through unitary payments; and the reason total unitary payments are greater than the contractual value of projects. — Jonathan O'Brien. [10633/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has received costed proposals from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection in relation to the indexation of social welfare allowances and benefits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10485/19]

65. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the efforts that have been made to incorporate retired public servants into the wider public pay discussions; if there are legislative reasons trade unions cannot represent retired public servants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [10567/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the consideration given to using a remeasurable contract the decision making process in selecting a fixed price contract under the contract works management framework in relation to the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [10615/19]

67. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to review the cost overrun of the national children's hospital; his further plans to conduct an evaluation of the oversight role of his Department for major construction projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [10635/19]

68. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding will be removed from the flood relief scheme planned for Buncrana, County Donegal due to the reprofiling of investment under the Flood Risk Management Programme of the OPW to defer €3 million towards the cost overrun at the new national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9751/19]

69. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans in respect of outstanding pension restorations that resulted as a consequence of reduction in pensions during the economic crisis; when pension reductions in respect of public sector workers with pension of under €35,000, under €70,000 and above €70,000, respectively will be restored in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [9970/19]

70. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the role of the Government Contracts Committee for Construction in derogations from standard forms of public contracts; the person or body that is ultimately responsible for approving the public contract used by contracting authorities for capital projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [10632/19]

71. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the likely gross and net cost of the recent pay agreement with nurses; his plans to examine and review likely pay implications for other public sector workers and the wider economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [10638/19]

72. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the outcome of the most recent discussions his officials have had with their counterparts in Northern Ireland in relation to funding for cross-Border projects post-2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [10562/19]

73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which he plans to apply a new revised cost of carbon in the National Development Plan 2018-2027; and the new analysis of the project which will be carried out before the cost is agreed. — Eamon Ryan. [10620/19]

74. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost in 2019 and 2020 of resolving the nurses dispute; his plans to achieve pay equality in the health and education sectors in 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10483/19]

75. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funds made available for minor flood works and coastal protection have been drawn down by Fingal County Council to tackle coastal erosion at the Burrow, Portrane. — Clare Daly. [10571/19]

76. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the levels of capital expenditure which will be allocated for infrastructure projects for County Donegal; the timeframe for these allocations; the projects for which funding will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10343/19]

77. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if an assessment has been conducted with respect to the implications for capital expenditure projects in view of the cost overruns associated with the new national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7366/19]

78. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the total amount of providing pension entitlements to community employment supervisors in line with the Labour Court proposal has been costed; if funding will be made available in the coming period to deal with the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [10622/19]

79. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the consequences for trade unions that are not covered by the Public Service Stability Agreement 2018-2020, specifically the loss of increments and proposed pay rises for non-covered public servants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [10621/19]

80. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the outcome of the most recent discussions he has had with his British counterpart in relation to the funding of cross-Border projects post-2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [10563/19]

81. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the policy regarding emergency funding for coastal protection for homes at immediate risk due to coastal erosion. — Clare Daly. [10572/19]

82. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the companies the public service can procure services from in the area of industrial relations and human resource support specifically for industrial relations investigations relating to disciplinary matters; and the costs of procuring these services since 2012. — Bríd Smith. [10624/19]

83. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has held discussions with the European Commission in relation to the possible allocation of additional funding for the Border region in view of the particular challenges that will arise in that area following Brexit and the need to improve infrastructure to assist existing businesses remain competitive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10342/19]

84. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding the timing of major capital projects in County Kildare under Project Ireland 2040; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [10613/19]

85. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to review the public procurement process in view of the cost overruns at the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10580/19]

86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of procurement officials within the NTMA or across Departments charged with managing and overseeing public private partnership contracts; the average annual cost of salaries in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [10634/19]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*87. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the work of the Seanad Reform Implementation Group and in particular its considerations on the extension of Seanad election voting rights to additional third-level institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [10314/19]

*88. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the formation of a citizens' assembly for Dublin in regard to a directly elected mayor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10785/19]

*89. To ask the Taoiseach the role of his Department in leading Ireland's participation in the annual European semester process. — Brendan Howlin. [9517/19]

*90. To ask the Taoiseach if he discussed the possibility of a second referendum on Brexit in the UK with Prime Minister May when they last spoke or met; and his views on whether this is a realistic and helpful option. — Micheál Martin. [10592/19]

*91. To ask the Taoiseach the date on which the helipad on Government Buildings was last used; the annual maintenance costs incurred regarding the helipad in the past ten years; if it has been assessed in order to establish if it is suitable for use by modern aircraft; and if he plans to decommission it. — Catherine Murphy. [10215/19]

*92. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons registered as unemployed in 2011. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10212/19]

*93. To ask the Taoiseach if Sudan was raised during the recent EU-League of Arab States summit in Egypt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10667/19]

*94. To ask the Taoiseach the value of fossil fuel imports over the past five years in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10705/19]

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

*95. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if members of the Defence Forces that undertake specialist training in areas of academia or skills based will be provided with the opportunity to practice in the area of their specialism once qualified (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [10287/19]

*96. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the steps being taken to address low pay and retention issues in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10304/19]

*97. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the cyber capabilities of the Defence Forces in terms of staffing levels and capability; and the way in which they are currently utilised. — Jack Chambers. [10394/19]

*98. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the way in which he plans to enhance the cyber capabilities of the Defence Forces in view of the increased threat of cyber attacks from criminal, terrorist, and state actors and Ireland’s growing reliance on the digital economy. — Jack Chambers. [10395/19]

*99. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the steps that have been taken to fulfil the commitment given by a former Taoiseach to award the distinguished service medals and military medals for gallantry to the 32 members of A Company Infantry Battalion, including deceased servicemen that served during the siege of Jadotville in 1961; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [10425/19]

*100. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of pilots and air traffic controllers that were recruited for the Air Corps in 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of same in training to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10492/19]

*101. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if all the Defence Force pharmacists, civilian and military, are on the same pay scale; if they are on a HSE equivalent pay scale with increments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [10555/19]

*102. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the position regarding the external civilian pharmacy being used instead of a pharmacy (details supplied); if it has been offered a full-time contract instead of the usual out of hours emergency contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [10559/19]

*103. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the position regarding the Defence Force pharmacies; if they are regulated; if they are registered premises; if they comply with the EU falsified medicines directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [10573/19]

*104. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the steps taken to address the vacant pharmacist position and premises in Athlone, County Westmeath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [10574/19]

*105. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the position regarding the rank of captain held by the retired pharmacist at Athlone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [10583/19]

*106. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the deployment of Defence Forces personnel under the EUTM in Mali was authorised under section 3 of the Defence (Amendment) Act 2006; if the operation is considered training for the purposes of the Act; if authorisation was sought from Dáil Éireann prior to or since the deployment of Defence Forces personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10751/19]

*107. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the operations that have been approved under section 3(1)(b) of the Defence (Amendment) Act 2006; the number of personnel involved in each operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10752/19]

*108. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the soldiers deployed to Mali have been there for a period exceeding six months consecutively; the anti-malarial drug that has been typically prescribed to the contingent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10753/19]

*109. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the capital allocation for defence in 2019; the expenditure allocations for defensive equipment, major capital infrastructural projects, the Naval Service, Air Corps, Army vehicles, equipment and protective suits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [10806/19]

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

*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason under an item (details supplied) it states that a citizen that wishes to have a new passport following a name change, must have two documents dating back two years from point of application proving that name; the reason a public services card that was issued less than two years prior to date of application may be accepted as one of the documents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10552/19]

*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the financial instruments used in regard to €58 million of the international development programme on climate interventions in 2017; the breakdown of the climate finance from Ireland over the past three years; and the type of financial instruments in this regard in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10698/19]

*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has written to his British counterpart in relation to an inquiry on the murder of a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that it was agreed under the Weston Agreement in 2001 and the recent UK Supreme Court decision on same. — Micheál Martin. [10908/19]

*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the lack of a Northern Assembly and the possibility of direct rule returning to Northern Ireland. — Micheál Martin. [10910/19]

*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if persons (details supplied) qualify for Irish passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10243/19]

*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the names of election observers registered with his Department through Irish Aid that observed elections in each of the past ten years. — Mary Lou McDonald. [10305/19]

*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason a passport for a person (details supplied) has not been issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10312/19]

*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if an appropriate accommodation will be allowed for a registered disabled appellant (details supplied) whose disability impeded them sending their application in the format required by Irish Aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [10347/19]

*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to have a bilateral meeting with his Spanish counterpart; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [10366/19]

*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the materials that will be considered by the election observer appeals panel which decides upon the final mark for appellants; if the panels will consider the disability and other relevant appeal statements made by appellants; if these considerations will be documented in a way that is open to further review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [10422/19]

*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of recent events in Sudan; the steps being taken at national and EU level to address turmoil there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10665/19]

*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the ongoing hostilities between Pakistan and India; the response and position of the EU to recent events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10666/19]

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of Ireland's plans to reach 0.7% ODA/GNI target; the date by which it is expected to reach the targets; the level of funding as it relates to the target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10668/19]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the situation in Yemen; the way in which the additional €5 million announced will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10669/19]

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the recent elections in Nigeria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10670/19]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on correspondence (details supplied); his further views on whether this amounts to an implied threat and interference in the work of Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann; if he has or plans to respond and reply to the correspondence; if so, if he will provide this Deputy with a copy of same; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10690/19]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the new election observer roster is in operation; the observer missions selected from the roster to date; the missions planned for 2019; if he is satisfied that the recruitment process for the roster meets best practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [10707/19]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has spoken to his British counterpart in relation to the public inquiry into the murder of a person (details supplied) following the UK Supreme Court ruling on 27 February 2019. — Micheál Martin. [10591/19]

*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if representations will be made to the UK Government urging it to respect the judgment of the International Court of Justice in respect of the Chagos Islands specifically that the UK bring to an end its administration of the Chagos Archipelago and return them to Mauritius to allow the return home of exiled Chagossians as rapidly as possible. — Clare Daly. [10807/19]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on Palestinian children detained in Israeli prisons; if he has raised this issue with the authorities in Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10812/19]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the issue of Palestinian children detained and prosecuted in the Israeli military court system has been raised at EU level including the Foreign Affairs Council; if the EU has taken action in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10813/19]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has taken action in relation to Palestinian children detained in Israeli prisons; his views on whether the human rights of Palestinian children are being violated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10814/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*132. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to reduce the cost of flood insurance for areas which require flood relief works as prescribed by the Office of Public Works under the CFRAM scheme but which are not included in the first tranche of works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10360/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Finance if the recommendations of the cost of insurance working group will be implemented as a priority; if a national claims information database and anti-fraud unit will be established within An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [10362/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the progress of the Fossil Fuel Divestment Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10697/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are guidelines in relation to the way in which banks treat mortgage applicants that receive their principal employment income in a non-Euro currency such as sterling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [10218/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Finance the position in relation to compensation for investors that lost significant amounts arising from their investment in a fund (details supplied); the position of the Central Bank in relation to the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [10227/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications made by businesses to register for an economic operators registration and identification number to enable the import or export

of goods into or out of the European Union by county in tabular form; and the number of letters written by the Revenue Commissioners to businesses in each county urging them to register for such a customs number which will be required to continue trading with the UK post-Brexit. — Billy Kelleher. [10273/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Finance if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [10354/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that homesteads that have flood defences in place can secure home insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10357/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has received a report (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [10361/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which a contributory old age pension is treated for taxation for a person that is paying class S PRSI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10404/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Finance the impact Brexit or a crash out will have on Irish persons that are paying into private pensions in the United Kingdom. — Joan Collins. [10486/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Finance the legal framework that applies for the establishment of a mutual insurance fund; when this process was last reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10502/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans in relation to the reopening of the home renovation scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10740/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Irish citizens living here that do not pay income tax; the percentage of wage earners living here that do not pay income tax; the number and the percentage of wage earners living here that do not pay the universal social charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [10759/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the VAT rate changes for health food supplements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10832/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the provision of tax relief on childcare services for families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10842/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of stamp duty liable for a purchase of agricultural land to the value of €150,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [10896/19]

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

*149. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of persons paying the pension related deduction in each year since it was introduced; the revenue received in each year

since it was introduced; the number and references to each circular in relation to the deduction; the number of pensioners per annum that have received refunds due to the fact they were overcharged since reductions were announced; the value in monetary terms of refunds paid each year; the processes in place to ensure that pensioners are paying the correct Additional Superannuation Contribution level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [10270/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the timeline and publication date for the report as per section 3(6) of the Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act 2018 which commits to a report being laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas within three months of the passing of the Act (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [10499/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the financial impact on the annual capital envelopes outlined in annex 1 of the National Development Plan 2018-2027 as a result of the increased costs associated with the national children's hospital; the Departments that will be impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [10225/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a vacant Garda station (details supplied) in County Kerry is for sale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10332/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding the upgrade of Tubbercurry Garda station in County Sligo; when approval for works will be granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [10372/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to abolish parity based public service pension schemes and replace them with pension schemes linked to the consumer price index; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [10419/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if Ireland has set up its electronic data exchange system known as e-cohesion; and if not, the reason. — Louise O'Reilly. [10535/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if Ireland has implemented a national information technology system to meet the 2014-2020 ESIF requirements; and if not, the amount of funding which has either been lost or been unable to be drawn down each year due to this in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [10537/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if Ireland has implemented a national information technology system to meet the 2014-2020 ESIF requirements; and if not, the reason therefor. — Louise O'Reilly. [10539/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated conclusion date for the implementation of a national information technology system to meet the 2014-2020 ESIF requirements. — Louise O'Reilly. [10541/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the name of the company which won the tender for the contract to develop and implement the national information technology system to meet the 2014-2020 ESIF requirements. — Louise O'Reilly. [10543/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the work planned to protect residents from flooding in the Corbally area of County Limerick; when work will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [10584/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the timeframe for the planning and construction of flood defences on the Abbey river in Limerick city; when works will commence; the projected timeframe for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [10587/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the figures for the capital plan are subject to evaluation and examination by his Department before inclusion in the budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [7361/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which the capital plan is prepared and profiled; the regularity with which the Budget is re-examined to identify changes required in provisioning for capital expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [7360/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which budgetary corrections in respect of capital expenditure need to follow in the wake of the overrun of costs in relation to the national children’s hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7346/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to consult with public sector unions in respect of public pay negotiations; if the recent negotiations with nurses will have a knock on implication for other employees in the Civil Service; if so, the likely implications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [9969/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW will consider buying a property (details supplied); the process for potential sellers to contact the OPW in relation to property sales; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [10657/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason the OPW has not secured ownership of the 25% section of a site (details supplied) by requiring Wexford County Council to also obtain a new folio for this part of the site and transfer the new folio to the OPW. — Mick Barry. [10721/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress to date in relation to the reopening of Rush Garda station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10838/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he remains satisfied of being able to continue to meet the targets set by him in the context of spending and reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10940/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the role he expects for reform throughout the public sector to impact on economic performance in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10941/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the action he will take in terms of public expenditure and reform with a view to ensuring that the domestic customer has a reasonable

chance of purchasing a home notwithstanding the competition from investors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10942/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the most effective reforms undertaken throughout the public and private sectors over the past number of years which have contributed substantially to economic progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10943/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the full extent to date of recruitment throughout the public sector in the context of economic recovery; the expectation in respect of future recruitments throughout the sector in 2019 and thereafter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10944/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he in the context of reform has introduced new criteria in view of the international and global trading challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10945/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his priorities in order to achieve best economic practice in for Ireland in the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10946/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the extent to which reforms throughout the public sector are likely to yield improved economic performance in 2019 has been quantified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10947/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which his Department has received communication from other Departments, bodies and agencies under their aegis seeking expenditure on such issues as upgrade of motorways, new roadworks, investment in water and other items of infrastructural importance; if he expects to be in a position to respond favourably to such requests in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10948/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he can take steps to minimise the impact of Brexit on the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10949/19]

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

*179. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) in County Kerry will be considered for the summer works and emergency works schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10219/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 67 of 8 November 2018, the status of the matter; his views in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10228/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views in relation to the sharing of teachers by schools (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10230/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if third-level institutions have the discretion to apply EU fees as opposed to non-EU fees to persons here with a stamp 2 visa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [10244/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans in relation to opening an educate together primary school in Dungarvan, County Waterford; if the location is part of his commitment in the reconfiguration process; the timescale envisaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [10254/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter in relation to a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10260/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter in relation to the provision of an educate together school in an area (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10271/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an oral hearing will be granted in relation to the payment of a pension for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10290/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding will be provided for a defibrillator to a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10296/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the development of a secondary school for Hollystown, Dublin 15 will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [10412/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will direct the school bus transport scheme and Bus Éireann to provide services for students in an area (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [10415/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will continue to keep the summer works scheme and minor works grant scheme as a permanent source of annual funding for all schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10428/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of his plans to have the subject of computer science made available as an option to all schools from September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10434/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding enrolment policies of secondary schools; his views on whether feeder schools may be considered as a fair method of allocating secondary school places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [10473/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if consideration is being given to the divestment of a school (details supplied) in Dublin 9; if so, the stage at which the divestment process is at; if divestment will lead to amalgamation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [10509/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 267 of 4 May 2016, if the structures and systems necessary to certify expenditure under the European Union regulations and have them verified by a designated body to a level acceptable to the European Commission in order to draw down youth employment initiative funding were ever implemented; if not, the amount of funding which was lost; and the reason the system was never implemented. — Louise O'Reilly. [10531/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding an application for an extension and associated building works by a school (details supplied) to the school capitals appraisal section, planning and building unit; if his attention has been drawn to the need for an efficient decision to be returned in order that the school can apply for planning permission in advance of the next academic year when it will facilitate an extra class; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [10545/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the process by which the National Council for Special Education fulfils its statutory function to plan and coordinate the provision of education and support services to children with autism spectrum disorder includes a mechanism to determine the number of places needed nationally on an annual basis in advance of the school year. — Mary Lou McDonald. [10578/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the allocation for special education teaching hours was not increased in a school (details supplied) in County Wexford which will soon enrol an additional two children with complex needs; his views on whether the allocation of special education teaching hours for the school is fair; the areas in which special education teaching hours will be allocated when a school nearby closes at the end of June 2019; if additional supports will be provided to schools in the area in view of the closure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [10585/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the DEIS status of a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [10607/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for the demotion of geography as a core junior certificate subject; and if the decision will be reversed. — Clare Daly. [10661/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether the demotion of geography as a core junior certificate subject at a time when climate change is accelerating and posing an ever increasing threat to the future of human life on the planet could undermine efforts to curb global warming in addition to efforts to mitigate climate change here. — Clare Daly. [10662/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a school (details supplied) in County Kerry will be able to proceed with its new building. — Brendan Griffin. [10738/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide more courses on pharmacy in Dublin apart from an existing institution (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties for students in accessing pharmacy courses in Dublin due to a limited number of places available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [10787/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress being made on the new school building for a school (details supplied); the date a school will move into the existing school; the timeframe for both; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [10790/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase the number of secondary school places in Gorey, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [10799/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount spent to date by his Department and agencies under his remit appealing the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [10821/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will engage with an organisation (details supplied) in order to facilitate the distribution of an information pack on scoliosis to schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [10828/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on making home economics compulsory for students up to junior certificate level with a view to reducing levels of childhood obesity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10840/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the action he plans to take to ensure there are no vending machines serving unhealthy food options in schools; the action he will take to ensure no schools are dependent upon income generated from vending machines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10847/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 233 of 26 February 2019, the timeframe for the provision of an educate together primary school in Dungarvan, County Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [10853/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if home tuition will be made available to a child (details supplied) in their crèche in view of the fact that their rented accommodation is unsuitable for such tuition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [10892/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills 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 he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [10902/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if provision for the inclusion of a playschool in the planning of all new primary schools will be ensured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [10916/19]

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

*213. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he expects Ireland to ratify the Istanbul Convention on domestic abuse; the legislative measures this will require; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [10253/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the provision of the new Garda regional headquarters in County Sligo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [10371/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the active number of gardaí at the Roscrea Garda station, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10266/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí transferred out of County Tipperary in each of the years 2014 to 2018 under headings (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10267/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of bench warrants issued for fines not paid under the Fines Act 2010 by county in each of the years 2014 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10268/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if legislation will be introduced to allow for unpaid court fines to be recouped from the income of the person fined regardless of the source of the income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10269/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for a visa in the case of a person (details supplied); when the appeal is likely to be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10286/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the locations in which the 2,400 newly qualified gardaí since September 2014 have been assigned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [10301/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10345/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10359/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number and percentage of the Garda fleet in the Cork City Garda division that are over ten years of age as of 18 February 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [10365/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if sex offenders are entitled to one third remission if they engage in an incentivised regime and otherwise fulfil the criteria for entitlement. — Clare Daly. [10385/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will address concerns that Irish passport holders that travelled to engage in combat or support for the so-called Islamic State or Daesh, will be permitted to return to the State; if he has raised security concerns regarding such proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [10392/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will revoke the citizenship of Irish passport holders or citizens that engaged in combat or other support for so-called Islamic State or Daesh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [10393/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of PSV licences revoked in 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10467/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of disqualified drivers that failed to surrender their licence in 2018 and were summoned to court for the offence; the number of drivers that were convicted of this offence; the value of the fines imposed by the court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10470/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of drivers that were summoned to court in 2018 for the offence of driving while disqualified; the number that were convicted of this offence; the penalty imposed by the court in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10471/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to ratify the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, known as the Istanbul Convention, immediately following the enactment of the Criminal Law (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) Bill 2018 which is currently before the Oireachtas Committee on Justice and Equality; if there are other remaining obstacles to ratifying the Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [10472/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if funding will be made available in 2019 for the refurbishment of a Garda station (details supplied); if so, when this work will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10500/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding mental health awareness training within the Irish Prison Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [10646/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a full-time doctor will be appointed to a location following a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [10647/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if electronic tagging for repeat offenders is being introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [10655/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of members of the drug squad allocated to Tallaght and Rathfarnham Garda stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [10691/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to amend the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 to allow non-birth Irish mothers that are registered as parents in their country of residence to apply for an Irish passport on behalf of their child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [10757/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of non-EU student visas issued in 2017 and 2018; the average length of time it has taken to process these visas; his plans to improve the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [10760/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 will be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [10804/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding the implementation of legislation arising from commitments in the Stormont House Agreement and the Fresh Start Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [10808/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the upsurge in the street gang activity by young persons in areas (details supplied); if his attention has been further drawn to attempts by community projects and Dublin City Council to tackle the causes and consequences of this behaviour; and if funding will be made available through the LCDC to sustain the work. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10834/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the training members of An Garda Síochána receive in relation to identifying cases of coercive control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10843/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí stationed in Malahide, Balbriggan, Swords and Skerries Garda stations in each year since 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10844/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his position in relation to the citizenship of Irish citizens that are members of ISIS and subsequently wish to return; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10845/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda vehicles based in Malahide, Balbriggan, Swords and Skerries in each year since 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10846/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an immigration levy is payable for non-EEA national students with children attending State schools; if so, the amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [10886/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of asylum seekers that have died in each of the years 2003 to 2018 and to date in 2019, while being provided with accommodation by the RIA in direct provision centres by location. — Jim O'Callaghan. [10901/19]

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

*247. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the level of state aid that will be made available in the event of a no-deal Brexit; the provisions provided for same in the revised estimates; if she has sought permission from the EU Commission for aid to specific sectors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [10764/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of employment permits issued for chefs in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [10247/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the EU has a free trade agreement with South Korea; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [10380/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the estimated full year cost of hiring an additional 60 full-time health and safety inspectors for the Health and Safety Authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10491/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when the future jobs strategy will be published. — Brendan Howlin. [9518/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the funding streams available in a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10727/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*253. To ask the Minister for Health if retired nurses are included in the pay deal offered to nurses recently; if they will be impacted by the proposed deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [10298/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be scheduled for an angiogram for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [10216/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive cataract surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [10217/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [10229/19]

*257. 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. [10242/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Health if the Regional Hospital Mullingar will be directed to provide disabled parking spots for the warfarin clinic (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [10246/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Health when Spinraza will be made available for children with spinal muscular atrophy. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10257/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that it is proposed to merge services (details supplied) with the offices being relocated in Tallaght. — John Curran. [10258/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be allocated for research (details supplied); the status of the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10272/19]

*262. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [10279/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 547 of 6 November 2018, the status of the reimbursement of Translarna from a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10291/19]

*264. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 143 of 19 January 2011 if a person (details supplied) is on a pension; the reason there is a difference on €10,000 in the period 17 September 1996 to 31 March 1998 in the amount they were actually paid and the amount the Health Service Executive say they were paid; if the irregularities of that time will be investigated and resolved; if payments due to this person from that time will be paid; if copies of the pension documents signed by the person will be made available to them; if their pension entitlements will be outlined to them; if payment to them will continue under pension group 038; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [10303/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Health when the 2018 Health Sector National Staff Survey carried out by a company (details supplied) in relation to the National Ambulance Service will be released to all staff; if he has received a copy of the survey results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10309/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment in the case of a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10310/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide adult intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorder speech and language therapist posts to cover an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10313/19]

*268. To ask the Minister for Health if a cross border directive refund will be awarded to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [10315/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a mapping project (details supplied) which was produced in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [10316/19]

*270. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [10317/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Health the progress of the expert group which was established to consider alternative mechanisms to the court process for resolving clinical negligence claims; the position regarding the expected publication of the final report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [10318/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding restrictions on the role of pharmaceutical assistants that have contributed to the smooth running of pharmacies here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [10324/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the 2018 survey carried out by a company (details supplied) in relation to the National Ambulance Service has not been issued to all staff; and if the results of the survey will be issued to staff. — Lisa Chambers. [10330/19]

*274. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [10333/19]

*275. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter in relation to the fair deal scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10335/19]

*276. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10337/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a new build emergency department and surgical block with 147 single rooms at Sligo University Hospital. — Louise O'Reilly. [10338/19]

*278. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners that have signed contracts to provide termination of pregnancy services; the number that are accepting referrals from a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10339/19]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE employees on administrative leave; the duration of the leave; and the cost of covering the leave in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [10340/19]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on the winter plan; the amount spent on advertisement and public relations in tabular form; the achievements of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10341/19]

*281. To ask the Minister for Health the counties in which applied behavioural analysis programmes are being made available to families of children with autism in tabular form; the number of hours of ABA programme delivered in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of children receiving ABA supports by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10344/19]

*282. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [10346/19]

*283. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the CEO recruitment process in the NMBI; if he has been briefed on the departure of the previous interim CEO and the dismissal of their interim successor by the president of the Board (details supplied); and if his attention has been drawn to the ethical reasons that forced the interim successor into this situation. — Clare Daly. [10363/19]

*284. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the appointment of the CEO of the NMBI by the board without following a similar recruitment process to that followed when a person (details supplied) was appointed to the interim role; and the reason the NMBI does not appear to have advised the public on its website the name of the current incumbent. — Clare Daly. [10364/19]

*285. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a new application for a medical card by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10369/19]

*286. To ask the Minister for Health the changes to the rules for phased dispensing of medications by pharmacists to qualifying patients made in recent months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10373/19]

*287. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment; the waiting list time for such appointments in counties Roscommon and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [10378/19]

*288. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review of a medical card for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10379/19]

*289. To ask the Minister for Health the number of drug and alcohol task forces that have had a HSE review; the amount the reviews have cost to date including a task force (details supplied); and the person or body that decides if a particular task force is to be reviewed. — Joan Collins. [10383/19]

*290. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the role of pharmaceutical assistants in the operations of pharmacies throughout Ireland; if his attention has been drawn to the threat that their qualifications could be voided and that 365 pharmaceutical assistants, almost all of them women in their 50s could end up being made redundant; his plans to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [10396/19]

*291. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a scan will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10410/19]

*292. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the application for the approval of the orphan drug Spinraza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [10411/19]

*293. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a publicly funded youth mental health organisation (details supplied) plans to amalgamate its services which will result in the eventual removal of access to local mental health services for youth in Clondalkin and the surrounding area; the impact this will have on young persons in the Dublin mid-west area which has the second highest number of referrals to mental health services nationally; if the HSE as funder can intervene to insist that local services remain in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [10416/19]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [10418/19]

*295. To ask the Minister for Health if a homecare package will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10420/19]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health the number of counsellors at grade code 391T employed in each CAMHS unit in tabular form. — Mick Wallace. [10427/19]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to fast track the delivery of primary healthcare centres that are needed in communities but appear to be delayed in various stages of the procurement, design and planning processes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10435/19]

*298. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary healthcare centres that were delivered and are fully operational in 2016, 2017 and 2018, in each CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10436/19]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health if a fair deal application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10441/19]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health when a psychological report will be carried out on a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [10442/19]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health if the rules governing phased dispensing by pharmacists to older patients will be reviewed in view of the fact it is one of a number of factors that will keep them away from the acute system and long-term nursing home care; if the phased dispensing on the recommendation of a general practitioner will be allowed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10445/19]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health if the contractor awarded a HSE contract (details supplied) is paid fully and up to date and is not outstanding millions of euro for the supply of product under the contract and a related contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [10453/19]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health if an assurance will be given that HSE contracts (details supplied) are not in imminent danger of collapse due to payment or other difficulties known to him or the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [10455/19]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the pricing model for the delivery of product under a HSE contract (details supplied) is logical, sustainable and in alignment with the original tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [10457/19]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health if the extension of two HSE contracts (details supplied) are fully compliant with all aspects of Irish and EU procurement rules; if the extensions rely on special clauses, powers or situations for their legal implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [10459/19]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE could allow a procurement tender in which a carton to be delivered for the HSE under previous versions of a HSE contract (details supplied) would be charged at a rate of €58.50 plus VAT in view of the fact the maximum standard pricing in the market place is circa €5 to €6; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [10461/19]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health the rating in terms of service performance in relation to a HSE contract (details supplied); the way in which it compares to other contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [10463/19]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will roll out the HPV vaccine programme for boys; if there will be a catch-up programme for all school age boys over the age prescribed by the programme; if priority is given to boys that are homosexual or bisexual; if it is recognised by the HPV school programme that boys that are homosexual or bisexual are in a higher risk group than heterosexual boys; if there is another HPV vaccine programme or clinic in which teenage boys and young men that are homosexual or bisexual can receive the HPV vaccine; and if so, the cost of same. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10464/19]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency places provided to persons with a disability in CHO area 9 in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10466/19]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive urgently required surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [10469/19]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) who has been diagnosed with ASD, and has no access to transport will be facilitated in their hometown rather than in Listowel which is 27km from their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [10475/19]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective surgeries and procedures cancelled in each hospital nationally for each month in 2017 and 2018, by specialty; the reason for the cancellation in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10487/19]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective surgeries and procedures cancelled in each hospital nationally in each of the years 2011 to 2018, by speciality; the reason for the cancellation in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10488/19]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health if the delays associated with the supply of Spinraza will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [10489/19]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health if proposed regulations to reduce the use of pharmaceutical assistants nationally will be clarified; the expected number of job losses nationally among the profession; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10504/19]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective surgeries and procedures cancelled at Louth County Hospital; and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda by specialty by month 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. — Gerry Adams. [10505/19]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective surgeries and procedures cancelled by specialty at Tallaght University Hospital by month in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [10508/19]

*318. 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. [10544/19]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a speech therapist in a location (details supplied); if not, the reason therefore; when a speech therapist will be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10560/19]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) who applied for an assessment of needs in March 2017 has only received notice from the HSE in February 2018; his plans to improve the waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10561/19]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective surgeries and procedures cancelled by specialty at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise and the Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore for each month in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [10570/19]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [10582/19]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the statement by the HSE in relation to Spinraza which contains figures that are at least six months out of date (details supplied); the steps he will take to request the HSE takes the updated information into account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [10605/19]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Spinraza has yet to be approved here in view of the fact it has been approved for reimbursement in 25 other European countries (details supplied); if he will request the HSE to re-enter discussions with a company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [10606/19]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a request to provide an outreach x-ray service for West Kerry Community Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [10608/19]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to make herbal products available on medical cards (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [10609/19]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Bill 2017; when he envisages the Bill will progress through Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [10645/19]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect a hospital appointment. — Barry Cowen. [10649/19]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the legislation to give effect to the proposed changes in the fair deal scheme will come before the Houses of the Oireachtas; the full extent of these changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10692/19]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 428 of 26 February 2019, if the tender documents for the diabetic centre at Sligo University Hospital have issued to the contractors; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the project went to tender mid-2017 and a contractor selected mid-2018; if capital funding will be approved in view of the fact that the current unit being used for children with diabetes is perceived as dangerous for both staff and patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [10719/19]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the revision of the task force handbook; and when the new handbook will be ready. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10730/19]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the former emerging needs fund which catered for a quick response to local issues and needs was productive in assisting drugs and alcohol task forces; and his plans to reinstate the fund. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10731/19]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health if extra funding will be provided to drugs and alcohol task forces to meet the challenge of drug related gangs in Dublin in view of the recent upsurge in serious drug related anti-social behaviour in areas (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10732/19]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health the funding being provided to drug and alcohol task forces in 2019; the equivalent figures in each of the years 2014 to 2018; his plans to increase funding

for same during 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10733/19]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be provided with a pair of new shoes as per the request of their general practitioner. — John McGuinness. [10735/19]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the contents of the 2018 survey carried out by a company (details supplied) in relation to the National Ambulance Service has yet to be released to all staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [10749/19]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that have availed of the cross border initiative; the procedures they underwent; if they have been reimbursed; the overall cost of each procedure in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [10750/19]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm a date to visit Kerry University Hospital as agreed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [10756/19]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reopening of a ward at a hospital (details supplied); the recruitment that has taken place to date in regard to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10758/19]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) who was granted four additional hours of homecare assistance per week in October 2018 is still waiting for the assistance; when they will receive same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10763/19]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 437 of 29 January 2019, the status of the work undertaken in recommendation 73 of the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy; if this action incorporates specific measures to address Traveller suicide; and if he will report on the issue. — Gerry Adams. [10765/19]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 437 of 29 January 2019, when a detailed action plan based on the findings of the All Ireland Traveller Health Study will be finalised; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [10766/19]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 581, 582 and 584 of 15 January 2019, the status of the work of the oversight group working on the refresh of the A Vision for Change national mental health policy; the specific terms of reference for the group that place a particular emphasis on the Traveller community; when the group will report; if the report will be published; and if he will report on the issue. — Gerry Adams. [10767/19]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health if a planning advisory body for Traveller health to deliver the National Traveller Health Action Plan will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [10768/19]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the national Traveller health advisory committee has not been convened since 2012. — Gerry Adams. [10769/19]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 415 of 26 February 2019, the way in which the annual spend by the HSE for targeted measures to improve the health of the Traveller community is allocated in tabular form; and the portion of the funding allocated annually specifically to deliver on suicide prevention services and supports. — Gerry Adams. [10770/19]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the number of animals and the species that will be used in a large animal test facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10771/19]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the other foreseen testing purposes for the use of animals in a large animal test facility (details supplied) other than those already outlined; the definition of new animal model systems; if the development of new lines of genetically modified animals for research purposes is foreseen; if the creation of genetically modified animals that are able to carry specific human diseases is foreseen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10772/19]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health if his or the attention of the HSE have been drawn to and are considering the human relevant humane alternative approaches to pharmaceutical and other testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10773/19]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the success rates of animal experimentation and testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10774/19]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health if he has taken into consideration his responsibility to promote the development and uptake of alternatives to the use of animals under article 47 of Directive 2010/63/EU for the protection of animals used for scientific purposes. — Catherine Martin. [10775/19]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health if the animals in a test facility (details supplied) will be sold on to other facilities here or abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10776/19]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health the locations in which medical device preclinical trials are being carried out here in view of the comment in a tender (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10777/19]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical devices tested on animals here each year; the percentage of tests legally required by the EU; the number of tests that lead on to human clinical trials; the success rates of the tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10778/19]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the expected cost of a project (details supplied); the expected cost of the feasibility report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10779/19]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive a date for surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [10788/19]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 706 of 7 September 2018, the number of adult services without seven over seven mental health supports; the locations involved; the number of staff recruited to provide seven over seven mental health supports since 17 May 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [10789/19]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the reduced funding to Cork Kerry Community Healthcare from €2.2 million in 2018 to €1.6 million in 2019 for the management of emergency cases in the region; his further views on the fact that Cork Kerry Community Healthcare received no funding for the development of services in 2018 taking into account the increase in service needs by service users and that the known level of need exceeds the funding available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [10798/19]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which a person (details supplied) can pursue compensation and justice from his Department in relation to complications regarding an operation post-childbirth in 1967; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10801/19]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a hospital is refusing to supply medical records to a person (details supplied) that requested them over 14 months ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [10810/19]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the base fees and payments from public funds made to persons (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [10811/19]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health when services will be rolled out at a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10817/19]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health the options available to the parents of a child (details supplied) with dyspraxia that has been referred for physiotherapy on two occasions only but none since Christmas 2018. — John Lahart. [10818/19]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [10824/19]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health if he will direct the HSE to engage with an organisation (details supplied) and the Department of Education and Skills in order to facilitate the distribution of an information pack on scoliosis to schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [10825/19]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the number of spinal fusion surgeries that have been carried out in each year since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [10826/19]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reinstate a national scoliosis screening programme similar to that which existed prior to 2011 in order to allow for the effective detection, monitoring and treatment of scoliosis patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [10827/19]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the work to draft new legislation which would replace the Dentists Act 1985; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [10829/19]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health if hospitals are to be reimbursed for the payment of transitional care or convalescent respite within the nursing home setting in view of the perceived delay in the fair deal process in being granted a long-term bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10831/19]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for a cross border scheme refund by a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [10833/19]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects PrEP to be made available here; the actions that must be completed to allow it to be made available here; the action he plans to take to tackle the number of persons contracting HIV; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10841/19]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health the position with regard to Spinraza; if there will be a review of the latest decision by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10852/19]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health if a review (details supplied) has taken place; the plans of the HSE to publish the review; if so, when same will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [10861/19]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health the role of his Department in the implementation of Sláintecare. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9460/19]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for inclusion on the cross border scheme by a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [10884/19]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [10900/19]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a homecare package application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [10905/19]

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

*378. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he plans to place climate mitigation at the centre of the successor strategy to Food Wise 2025; his views on the main changes and priorities required in the next strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10701/19]

*379. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if felling licences have been issued to carry out recent tree felling nationally in both urban and rural areas. — Sean Sherlock. [10275/19]

*380. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has had discussions with the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation regarding submitting a formal request to the EU Commission to increase state aid thresholds as set out in Regulation EU No. 1407/2013 in order to support agri-food enterprises and exporters in the event of a hard no-deal Brexit; if a formal request to adapt Regulation EU No. 1407/2013 will be submitted before 29 March 2019; and if not, the reason therefor. — Charlie McConalogue. [10248/19]

*381. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the recent changes at EU level regarding the increase in de minimis aid to primary producers; and if the new threshold of €25,000 can be fully drawn down in year one of a three year period for approved participants in schemes that are applicable. — Charlie McConalogue. [10249/19]

*382. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of eligible and ineligible farmers, respectively enrolled in the basic payments scheme; the number of eligible farmers that have received a 2018 BPS payment by ranges (details supplied) in tabular form; the number that have not received the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10250/19]

*383. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of expenditure for persons paid under the 2018 basic payment scheme including greening by payment range (details supplied) by the breakdown format provided in Parliamentary Question No. 465 of 6 February 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10251/19]

*384. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of SPS and fisheries control officials that will be operational on 30 March 2019 out of the planned recruitment of 116 staff for SPS and fisheries controls as agreed on 18 September 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10280/19]

*385. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of full and part-time staff veterinary officers and inspectors respectively, employed at the end of December 2018 by civil service grade and division; and the number of veterinary staff that will be operational on 30 March 2019, in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [10281/19]

*386. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of portal inspectors, plant health inspectors and administrative support staff employed at the end of December 2018 by civil service grade and division; and the number of such staff that will be operational on 30 March 2019, in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [10282/19]

*387. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding allocated in 2018 and 2019 to the marketing intensification programme of An Bord Bia. — Charlie McConalogue. [10283/19]

*388. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the location and number of full-time and part-time staff employed in each international An Bord Bia office; and the cost of offices and staffing by each office in each of the years 2016 to 2018, in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [10284/19]

*389. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of companies that have completed the Brexit barometer to date since it was launched by company turnover in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [10285/19]

*390. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of commonages in County Donegal that have not received agricultural payments to date; the details of these commonages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10311/19]

*391. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consultations have been held with the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment on the introduction

of grant support for anaerobic digesters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10320/19]

*392. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an application for entry into the hen harrier scheme by a person (details supplied) will be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10331/19]

*393. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will receive payment under the beef data and genomics programme; the reason for the delay in issuing same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10334/19]

*394. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the low cost loan scheme will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10391/19]

*395. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding his submission to the EU Commission seeking the designation of Rosslare Europort as a border inspection post; when a response will be received from the EU in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [10474/19]

*396. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the lobbying which was undertaken by him and or other Ministers in relation to recent changes by the European Commission to de minimis and state aid rules that will allow higher State payments to farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10527/19]

*397. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that have completed the AEOS scheme in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [10557/19]

*398. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the GLAS scheme will reopen for new applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [10558/19]

*399. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for designating Rathmullan pier as a designated port for third country landings; his plans for the proposed designation in a post-Brexit scenario; if his attention has been drawn to the importance of Rathmullan pier as a landing port for pelagic, whitefish and vivier crab vessels due to its northern location and proximity to fishing grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [10586/19]

*400. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a matter in relation to the maximum eligible area of a farm (detail supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10654/19]

*401. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter regarding oyster licences (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10672/19]

*402. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a device (details supplied) is not on the approved list for TAMS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10754/19]

*403. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on recent reports by four UN rapporteurs that atypical workers permits for migrant fishery workers were leaving those workers vulnerable to serious abuses in view of the fact that the permits tie workers to individual ships and their owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10848/19]

*404. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the fact that the atypical worker visa scheme in the fisheries industry leaves fishery workers liable to exploitation as indicated by an organisation (details supplied), the State Department of the United States of America, the Council of Europe and the reports of four UN rapporteurs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10850/19]

*405. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the regularity with which officials carry out spot checks on carcass grades on a given day to ensure that the mechanical grading machine is working within its required parameters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [10887/19]

*406. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 442 of 26 February 2019, the number of the 1,808 herds currently restricted due to tuberculosis officially classified as feedlots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [10888/19]

*407. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the different rules, regulations or procedures that normal herd owners must adhere to when they are restricted due to tuberculosis compared to those operating herds with feedlot status will be clarified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [10889/19]

*408. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a proposal supported by local communities (details supplied). — Eamon Scanlon. [10917/19]

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

*409. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if grant funding is provided for anaerobic digesters; if not, his plans to introduce same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10319/19]

*410. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the engagement he has had with Met Éireann in regard to the language used by weather forecasters on climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [10222/19]

*411. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a school (details supplied) will receive fibre optic broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10245/19]

*412. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if, further to the current pilot, it is planned to roll out the SEAI warmth and wellbeing scheme nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [10276/19]

*413. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views in relation to the State led intervention under the National Broadband Plan; when a decision on the

procurement process will be recommended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [10384/19]

*414. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a further bye-law will be introduced to give protection to wild brown trout in seven State-owned salmonid lakes in view of the court ruling on Bye-Law No. 964 of 2018; the timeframe for the introduction of a new bye-law; the changes which will be made to the revised bye-law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [10529/19]

*415. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a new bye-law is to be introduced following the court decision on Bye-Law No. 964 of 2018; if Inland Fisheries Ireland will have no capacity or capabilities to do stream enhancements programmes; the way in which the bye-law designation can be fulfilled; the way in which invasive species such as pike, perch and roach can enjoy equal protection to that of native species of trout, sea trout and Atlantic salmon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [10530/19]

*416. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of all townlands since 2011 to February 2019 in which a prospecting licence for minerals exploration has been granted or renewed; and the details of all townlands in which a prospecting licence is to be granted or renewed. — Catherine Martin. [10547/19]

*417. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there is a policy on importing fracked shale gas in view of the recent ban on fracking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10549/19]

*418. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the policy on building new fossil fuel infrastructure; if past support for LNG infrastructure will be reassessed in view of the recommendations of a recent report by an organisation (details supplied) and increasing climate court cases here, in Europe and internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10550/19]

*419. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the public consultation processes in place for mining objections; if a community has expressed its opposition to mining in its community, if further mining will be granted in that area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10551/19]

*420. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether rural areas continue to be sidelined in view of the fact that only 58% of households in County Leitrim have broadband access compared to 86% in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [10577/19]

*421. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 495 of 26 February 2019, if a more comprehensive response will issue which deals with the matters raised directly. — Robert Troy. [10579/19]

*422. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 499 of 26 February 2019, if his attention has been drawn to a perceived anomaly in the response concerned (details supplied); he will retract his previous response; and the reason Ireland did not object to the position of the Council of delaying the 90% separate collection target by five years. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10594/19]

*423. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 500 of 26 February 2019, (details supplied), his views on the perceived disproportionate consultation with a company by his Department in relation to the single use plastics directive; his further views on whether there is a potential conflict of interest in view of the fact the company a producer led EPR system would have vested interests in preventing the set up of deposit refund schemes as provided for in article 9 of the directive; and the reason the draft report from the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment which was noted as strictly confidential was shared and the CEO and executive manager for strategy and policy of the company invited to discuss to inform his amendments. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10693/19]

*424. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 505, 507 and 508 of 19 February 2019 and 501 and 502 of 21 February 2019 (details supplied), if the revision of the EU nationally determined contribution to 55% at the summit in Sibiu will be endorsed; and if not, the reason therefor. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10694/19]

*425. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the most up to date figures on Ireland's energy mix including percentages in relation to the national provenance of energy in tabular form; the progress of Ireland in relation to 2020 and 2030 renewable energy targets including the current percentage of renewable energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10695/19]

*426. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the possibility of Ireland committing to a fossil fuel phase out date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10699/19]

*427. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the modulation of fees within the extended producer responsibility systems such as a company (details supplied) in order to effect a tangible decrease in the level of packaging waste and avoid EPR contributions being seen as a participation tax by producers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10700/19]

*428. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which the €22 billion of the €116 billion investment package within Project Ireland 2040 will go towards the objective of transitioning to a low carbon and climate resilient society; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10702/19]

*429. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the actions he plans to include in the national clean air strategy; and the expected breakdown of funding. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10704/19]

*430. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a connection to the fibre optic network in an area will be arranged for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [10720/19]

*431. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of high speed broadband in an area (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10722/19]

*432. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the oversight responsibilities his Department has towards ESB International and its investment projects abroad;

and if he will report on the projects of ESB International taking into consideration compliance with the Paris Agreement. — Seán Crowe. [10819/19]

*433. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will address a matter regarding radio legislation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10374/19]

*434. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment 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 he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [10893/19]

*435. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to implement the recommendations of the report of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment on the Future Funding of Public Service Broadcasting; if a public service broadcast fund for the independent radio sector will be established; the timeline for the introduction of such measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [10915/19]

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

*436. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the use of diesel buses will be phased out from the Dublin Bus fleet. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10696/19]

*437. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date of his last meeting with the board of the Dublin Port Company; and if the minutes of same will be provided. — Noel Rock. [10231/19]

*438. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date of his last meeting with the board of the Port of Cork Company; and if the minutes arising of same will be provided. — Noel Rock. [10232/19]

*439. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date of his last meeting with the board of the Shannon Foynes Port Company; and if the minutes arising of same will be provided. — Noel Rock. [10233/19]

*440. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date of his last meeting with the board of the Port of Waterford Company; and if the minutes from same will be provided. — Noel Rock. [10234/19]

*441. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date of his last meeting with the board of the Drogheda Port Company; and if the minutes of same will be provided. — Noel Rock. [10235/19]

*442. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date of his last meeting with the board of the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company; and if the minutes of same will be provided. — Noel Rock. [10236/19]

*443. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date of his last meeting with the board of the Galway Harbour Company; and if the minutes of same will be provided. — Noel Rock. [10237/19]

*444. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date of his last meeting with the board of the New Ross Port Company; and if the minutes of same will be provided. — Noel Rock. [10238/19]

*445. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date of his last meeting with the board of the Wicklow Port Company; and if the minutes of same will be provided. — Noel Rock. [10239/19]

*446. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce legislation and safety regulations for the testing of driverless cars here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [10240/19]

*447. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce legislation with regard to electric scooters; if he has examined the specific issues relating to these vehicles to date; and if legislation will be introduced to bring Dublin in line with other European cities similar to EN15194 with regard to electric bicycles. — Noel Rock. [10241/19]

*448. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the directive EU 2015/2302 on package travel and linked travel arrangements will commence here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [10256/19]

*449. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the regulations as published for approval of community transport services as defined by Part 7 of the Taxi Regulation Act 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [10288/19]

*450. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on a National Transport Authority form (details supplied); if the form is valid; if not, if a copy of the most recent valid form will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [10289/19]

*451. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of passengers commuting daily from each of the stations from Heuston to Newbridge inclusive in each of the years 2004 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [10325/19]

*452. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to update the Road Safety Authority Act 2006; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [10367/19]

*453. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a maximum waiting time will be introduced for driver tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [10370/19]

*454. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of works being carried out on the N71 in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [10376/19]

*455. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether it is appropriate that the National Driver Licence Service charges a fee of €35 to replace stolen licences in cases in which the holder of the licence has a crime reference from gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [10388/19]

*456. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has made representations in order to ensure that Irish licence holders will continue to be able to drive legally in Northern Ireland. — Brendan Smith. [10400/19]

*457. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will reverse his decision to disallow the Irish Coast Guard from using blue lights and sirens when responding to an emergency call out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10401/19]

*458. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if additional resources will be made available to the National Driver Licence Service in order to address increased demand for licence swaps in view of the decision of the UK to withdraw from the European Union. — Robert Troy. [10405/19]

*459. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has discussed with an organisation (details supplied) or another body the possibility of amending legislation or introducing new legislation in order to ensure that UK licences continue to enjoy the same status as they currently receive. — Robert Troy. [10406/19]

*460. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce legislation to ensure that holders of UK driver licences will be able to drive here legally and will retain the possibility of exchanging their licence for an Irish licence, even if the United Kingdom exits the European Union in March 2019. — Robert Troy. [10407/19]

*461. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he in conjunction with the NTA can investigate the possibility of allowing the 101 Bus Éireann service to pick up passengers between Dorset Street and Dublin Airport (details supplied); and if the ways in which the service could be rolled out across other routes within Dublin city will be investigated. — Robert Troy. [10417/19]

*462. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to identify a bus park and ride facility on the N7 near Rathcoole, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10429/19]

*463. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason a ban on the use of emergency blue lights and sirens by Irish Coast Guard teams is being implemented; and if this decision will be revised in view of the risk it poses to persons in need of emergency attendance by the coast guard. — Clare Daly. [10447/19]

*464. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason the Irish Coast Guard has never been placed on a statutory footing particularly in view of the fact that Ireland is an island nation. — Clare Daly. [10448/19]

*465. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the request by an organisation (details supplied) to implement an urgent review of coast guard management and personnel will be agreed to. — Clare Daly. [10449/19]

*466. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated amount it would cost Iarnród Éireann if the number of security contracted staff increased by a further 20% based on 2018 figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10468/19]

*467. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of competing karate governing bodies to date; and if he will ensure that no athlete affiliated to either body is forced to

miss an upcoming Olympic qualification event as a result of the present situation. — Robert Troy. [10494/19]

*468. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there has been a detailed cost-benefit analysis of the impact of the closure of the Luas green line for the purposes of upgrading it to become part of MetroLink. — Robert Troy. [10496/19]

*469. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which the subsidy for Dublin Bus is calculated; if it is based on the number of buses advertised that is intended to be run rather than the number of buses that are actually run; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10507/19]

*470. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason Canadian driver licences are recognised and exchanged here from four Canadian provinces and not from the remaining Canadian provinces and territories; and if this does not reflect the fact that Canadian licences are issued to a national standard despite the province. — Robert Troy. [10518/19]

*471. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to ensure that driving licences issued from the Canadian province of New Brunswick can be exchanged for an Irish driving licence upon arrival here; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Irish driving licences are fully recognised in New Brunswick and can be swapped immediately for a local licence; and his plans to ensure this anomaly is rectified. — Robert Troy. [10519/19]

*472. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are grave concerns among the 950 Irish Coast Guard volunteers resulting from a decision of management of the Irish Coast Guard to stop volunteers using blue lights and sirens while responding to rescue calls; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that such a measure could result in delays in responding to life and death situations; if he will intervene to examine if this decision can be reversed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [10523/19]

*473. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the sale of the Port of Cork property at Custom House Quay, Cork (details supplied) by the Port of Cork company of which he and the Minister for Finance are the sole shareholders; if transfer of ownership has taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10553/19]

*474. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if provisions will be made for a wheelchair accessible bus on the 480 bus from Ballyshannon to Sligo; his views on whether having to give 24 to 48 hour notice to book a place on an accessible bus is unfair; if he will implement the 16 recommendations contained in the Accessibility of Public Transport for People with Disabilities report in order to achieve equal access for all; if adequate funding and a clear policy plan will be provided in order to move towards full accessibility on all public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [10569/19]

*475. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that taxi drivers may not continue contract work with Bus Éireann once they reach 70 years of age despite a continuing demand for drivers; the background to this policy; and if taxi drivers that wish to carry on such contract work can be allowed to do so. — Jonathan O'Brien. [10642/19]

*476. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated cost of the proposed MetroLink route between Charlemont and Sandyford. — Robert Troy. [10648/19]

*477. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of persons that sat their driver test in County Wicklow in 2018; the percentage pass rate for male and female drivers, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10652/19]

*478. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the issue of driver licences being renewed and issued before their expiry dates have passed causing applicants to miss out on up to three months of validity if they choose to renew their licences early. — Gino Kenny. [10658/19]

*479. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there are grants available in a scenario (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10663/19]

*480. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a proposal to extend the validity period of disabled parking permits from two years to five years will be supported; if a renewal process akin to that of driver licences for persons over 70 years of age will be examined (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [10762/19]

*481. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing public transport issues in County Limerick particularly with regard to the bus service and its lateness and incorrect real time information both at bus stops and through the application; his plans to tackle the issue; if County Limerick is to receive a BusConnects plan; if so, the timeframe for delivery of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10800/19]

*482. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport 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. — John Brady. [10835/19]

*483. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if concessions will be offered in cases in which more than one family member requires a disabled parking disc owing to their poor mobility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [10885/19]

*484. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the capital cost of each category of vehicle purchased by the NTA or bodies funded by the NTA including trains and buses of all types of seat capacity and size; and the cost of all types of electric vehicles in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [10890/19]

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

*485. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to ensure that community childcare and early years facilities are not left in a disadvantaged position due to the new affordable childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [10710/19]

*486. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10299/19]

*487. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children that have been removed from their parent or parents following the family falling into homelessness and in which the fact of the family's homelessness is the reason for the removal in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and her views on whether paying private companies up to €58,000 per child to place

homeless children in foster care is a better use of public money than assisting the family to find accommodation. — Clare Daly. [10348/19]

*488. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a comparative analysis has been performed by Tusla of the rate at which children are removed from homeless families compared with the rate of removal from families that have not fallen into homelessness with a view to establishing whether the housing crisis is causing the break-up of otherwise functional families. — Clare Daly. [10349/19]

*489. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children in private foster care in each month of 2018. — Clare Daly. [10350/19]

*490. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of private providers engaged in sourcing foster care here; the amount paid to each private provider in 2018; and the number of children placed in foster care by each provider in the same year. — Clare Daly. [10351/19]

*491. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the value for money review of the use of private foster care companies recommended by the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Children and Youth Affairs in 2017 has been concluded; and if so, if a copy of the findings will be published. — Clare Daly. [10352/19]

*492. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the implementation of the 2017 recommendation by the Oireachtas Joint Committee for Children and Youth Affairs that funds be diverted away from private foster care companies and into the recruitment of foster carers and social workers in order that the same work can be done by Tusla; and the sum that has been redirected to date. — Clare Daly. [10353/19]

*493. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on the crises facing community childcare services due to issues arising out of recent Pobal compliance visits and audit issues; if her attention has been drawn to their concerns; if she will consider the proposals set out in the correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [10356/19]

*494. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the pre-school options available to a family with a child that will be 2 years and 7 months in September 2019 missing the ECCE first year by one month and that cannot afford to pay privately for the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10409/19]

*495. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the level of funding provided to the youth advocate programme Ireland from 2011 to 2018, by county in tabular form; the locations in which services will no longer continue to operate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [10421/19]

*496. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will direct Tusla to provide urgent psychology hours as deemed necessary to a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [10524/19]

*497. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will direct Tusla to follow up on a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [10525/19]

*498. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason children in community childcare settings will be restricted to 15 hours per week if their parents are not in full-time employment or education; her views on whether this will have a serious negative impact on vulnerable children that rely on their childcare settings for hot meals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [10708/19]

*499. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason Pobal is trying to recategorise childcare and early years settings as half day facilities due to the fact that children may be collected early; her views on whether this will have a detrimental effect on facilities in terms of funding and on children that will not be entitled to a meal if facilities are forced to become half day services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [10709/19]

*500. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding provided to a centre (details supplied) in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [10711/19]

*501. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding provided to the sixteen services of the State for victims of sexual violence in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the amount of this funding that has been allocated to rape crisis centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [10712/19]

*502. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the average waiting times for counselling services at each of the sixteen State funded rape crisis centres in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [10713/19]

*503. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of persons waiting to access rape crisis counselling services in County Louth; the length of time these persons have been waiting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [10714/19]

*504. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 244 of 6 December 2018, the status of the engagement of Tusla in a needs analysis project in the Border region to identify gaps in service provision and to prioritise the development of sexual violence services; the stage at which the engagement is at; if a report will be made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [10715/19]

*505. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on recent media reports that waiting times for rape crisis counselling have increased in view of the fact that funding has stagnated; and if a review of the assessment of service demands carried out by Tusla which determines the distribution of funding to individual rape crisis centres will be undertaken. — Gerry Adams. [10716/19]

*506. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the position regarding the matter being categorised as a national crisis by many not-for-profit, community managed and operated childcare providers following recent compliance audits by Pobal (details supplied); if she has satisfied herself that the sector will not sustain mass closures and a reduction in services; the steps she has taken to avert such a situation and ensure that these services and supports will remain available to disadvantaged parents and children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [10793/19]

*507. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children under the childcare support scheme that are serviced by not-for-profit, community managed and operated childcare providers by county; the number of not-for-profit, community managed and operated childcare providers which are operational in designated disadvantaged community areas by county; the number of not-for-profit, community managed and operated childcare providers operating quality childcare or early learning services which are in receipt of support by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [10794/19]

*508. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 584 of 26 February 2019, if her Department or Tusla perform an oversight function of private care providers to ensure that the public funding being given to those providers is being used for the purposes for which it is intended and excessive sums are not being paid to company directors in dividends and so on. — Clare Daly. [10802/19]

*509. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to introduce a family resource centre at a location (details supplied); the way in which an application can be made in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10822/19]

*510. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will engage with the Minister for Finance with a view to introducing measures which would reduce commercial rates for childcare providers with the objective of facilitating providers in passing on a cost reduction to families that avail of their services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10836/19]

*511. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the action she has taken to advance the recommendations of the report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health and Children and Youth Affairs on Tackling Childhood Obesity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10839/19]

*512. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a child (details supplied) will be permitted to avail of the access and inclusion model under the early childhood care and education programme; if an appeal can be made following a decision to the effect that this application was late in view of the fact that their parent has no alternative supports in place at this time to advance their early education and welfare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [10891/19]

*513. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the person within the management of Tusla to whom a person (details supplied) released their report in May 2016. — Clare Daly. [10918/19]

*514. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a copy of the minutes of Tusla national management team meetings at which a report (details supplied) was discussed will be provided in view of correspondence received. — Clare Daly. [10919/19]

*515. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the person or body that made the decision to not provide a report (details supplied) to the board of Tusla or to witnesses; and the reason the decision was made. — Clare Daly. [10920/19]

*516. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if it is customary for Tusla management to withhold reports dealing with serious and long-standing child protection issues from its board and her Department. — Clare Daly. [10921/19]

*517. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there are existing finished reports in the possession of Tusla, its board or her Department which have not been shared with the next appropriate governance level or the public; and if so, the reason in each case for the failure to share same. — Clare Daly. [10922/19]

*518. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there is an agreed protocol, process and governing criteria between Tusla, its board and her Department in relation to the nature of information to be shared with and alerted to the next appropriate governance level within agreed timescales linked to the usual priorities of risk, range of risk, early warning, public interest and so on. — Clare Daly. [10923/19]

*519. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason a report (details supplied) was not forwarded to or requested by the board of Tusla or her Department prior to May 2018 in view of the fact that the former Minister for Health treated the level and age of risk identified in the midlands in 2015 as very serious and communicated their concern both privately to the CEO of Tusla and the media. — Clare Daly. [10924/19]

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

*520. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the option of establishing a national inspectorate of independent vets to carry out inspections in respect of animal cruelty will be examined in view of the conviction for animal cruelty at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [10261/19]

*521. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the 2019 community enhancement programme will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10430/19]

*522. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he has considered allocating ring-fenced funding to tidy towns committees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10431/19]

*523. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the next round of CLÁR funding will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10497/19]

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

*524. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on a matter in relation to the school meals scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10336/19]

*525. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to update the Minimum Notice and Terms of Employment Acts 1973 to 2001; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [10381/19]

*526. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10816/19]

*527. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason it is taking a minimum of sixteen weeks for a carer's allowance application to be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Barrett. [10904/19]

*528. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) in County Leitrim will receive a decision in relation to an application for an invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [10220/19]

*529. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the community welfare service at the INTREO centre at Bishop's Square is moving from being a walk-in service to appointment only; the reasons for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [10262/19]

*530. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of recipients of rent supplement in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [10277/19]

*531. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an appeal has been received against a decision to refuse an application for disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10292/19]

*532. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí an gceapfar cinnire ógra úr ar scéim fostaíochta pobail (sonraí tugtha) i nDún na nGall; an sealbhóir reatha ar tí éirís as an phost; muna gceapfar, an dtuigeann sí nach mbeidh aon duine ar fáil ina háit chun an tseirbhís don óige a riaradh; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pearse Doherty. [10293/19]

*533. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a review will be undertaken of the case of a person (details supplied) with a view to backdating payment of a jobseeker's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10294/19]

*534. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of referrals made to the Local Employment Service in 2018, by office. — John Brady. [10322/19]

*535. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will consider extending the three year rule for those aged over 55 years of age engaged in community employment in which they are providing a service in their community that otherwise would not be available; if there is discretion in such cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10323/19]

*536. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10355/19]

*537. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10377/19]

*538. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 553 of 13 November 2018, if the payment will be disregarded in the means test for social welfare payments for those that were in receipt of a payment before she approved disregarding it in view of the fact the payment is still being taken as means from social welfare payments (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10382/19]

*539. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10386/19]

*540. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10387/19]

*541. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a domiciliary care allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10389/19]

*542. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10390/19]

*543. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) in County Sligo will be reviewed; if this condition can be waived in the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [10413/19]

*544. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason her Department is delaying a person (details supplied) from taking up a community employment scheme position in a company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10414/19]

*545. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason there is a 14 week wait for answers in relation to disability allowance applications. — Sean Sherlock. [10423/19]

*546. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when arrears of a carer's allowance will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10490/19]

*547. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 613 of 5 February 2019, timeframe for the publication of the econometric review of JobPath which was due to be published at the end of January 2019; if she has read the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10503/19]

*548. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons referred to JobPath to date; the number of persons referred for a second time to date; and if a person has been referred more than twice. — John Brady. [10510/19]

*549. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons engaged with the JobPath companies. — John Brady. [10511/19]

*550. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that have commenced employment through JobPath to date; the number of these jobs that were sustained for 13, 26, 39 and 52 weeks, respectively. — John Brady. [10512/19]

*551. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a facility (details supplied) is being used for housing allocation or emergency accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [10520/19]

*552. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that a person (details supplied) has submitted an application for disability allowance; when it is expected that the application will be processed; when it is expected that a decision will be made on the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [10522/19]

*553. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount spent on promoting the services of welfare.ie on all social media platforms in the past two years to date by amounts spent, social media platform and year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [10546/19]

*554. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10641/19]

*555. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the appointment of the new data protection officer for her Department satisfies the GDPR requirement that the officer be independent in the exercise of their function under Article 38 (6); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [10643/19]

*556. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the precise physical location of the public services card home unit of client information services office in her Department; the location of the office of the new data protection officer of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [10644/19]

*557. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's benefit review for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [10653/19]

*558. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); when a decision will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10659/19]

*559. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person can take a case to the WRC under the Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2018, in cases in which their employer is not complying with the provisions of contracts and bands of hours worked; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [10660/19]

*560. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance claim by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [10671/19]

*561. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting to have their claim put into payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [10726/19]

*562. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 625 of 19 February 2019, the status of a further application for a carer's benefit by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10729/19]

*563. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she has finalised the terms of reference for the interdepartmental group on the future of community employment social inclusion schemes; and the programme for consultation that will take place during the review. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10734/19]

*564. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person that provides financial assistance to a family member that experienced delays in accessing illness benefit can be provided compensation under the exceptional needs payment; if a letter from the affected family member to confirm this was the case will be accepted by the community welfare office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [10737/19]

*565. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person that is a PAYE worker and also self-employed is made redundant is eligible to apply for jobseeker's benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [10755/19]

*566. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated value of unclaimed private pension funds in existence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [10795/19]

*567. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated value of unclaimed life assurance funds in existence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [10796/19]

*568. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the average waiting time for partial capacity benefit claims to be decided; if steps can be taken to improve the decision time in view of the reportedly long 12 week backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [10830/19]

*569. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding an application for an invalidity pension by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [10897/19]

*570. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an appeal by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; the status of the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10939/19]

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

*571. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the regulations for the housing aid for older people grant can be reviewed to allow for an application to be approved for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [10656/19]

*572. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a policy has been developed in relation to the removal of mature trees in towns and villages nationally by local authorities; if a policy has been developed to assist landowners with concerns in relation to the safety of trees on their property in view of the extreme weather events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [10224/19]

*573. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the response of his Department to the letter of formal notice sent in July 2018 from the EU Commission for failing to fulfil its obligations under the Drinking Water Directive (Council Directive 98/83/EC) and allowing exceedance of the parametric value for trihalomethanes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10255/19]

*574. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a matter will be addressed regarding the condition of a hand rail at a location (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10259/19]

*575. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons on each local authority housing waiting list by single adults and those with children, respectively by local authority in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [10263/19]

*576. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons in receipt of the housing assistance payment in each year since it was introduced by local authority; the annual figure spent for each county; the projected spend in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [10278/19]

*577. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of foreshore licences which have been granted since 2004 under the Foreshore Act 1933; the number of these licences incomplete; the number of foreshore licences within this period which were for public developments; the number for private developers; if the same conditions apply to all foreshore licences granted under the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [10297/19]

*578. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to problems being experienced with the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme in which due to a lack of a national database of applicants, that multiple applications have been made to different councils by the same persons; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that this practice is delaying other applications by up to six months due to the fact those multiple applications stay on the system until they expire after six months thus causing others to lose out; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that up to 50% of the loan offers are duplicated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [10397/19]

*579. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of build housing projects that have proceeded to construction in 2016, 2017 and 2018; the number provided by local authority and approved housing bodies in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [10424/19]

*580. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of rental property inspections carried out in each local authority in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10432/19]

*581. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding allocation for 2019 to be provided to local authorities to carry out rental property inspections; the number of rental inspections that will be carried out nationally in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10433/19]

*582. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of habitable dwellings demolished in each local authority in each of the years 2015 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10437/19]

*583. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of vacant properties that have been refurbished and have returned to the housing stock in each Dublin local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10438/19]

*584. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average target time for refurbishment of vacant properties in each local authority area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10439/19]

*585. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount each local authority spent on the refurbishment of vacant properties in its areas in 2016, 2017 and 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10440/19]

*586. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the basis on which and within Statutory Instrument No. 84 of 2011, the decision was made not to grant HAP in a case (details supplied); the elements within the Statutory Instrument that apply to this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [10444/19]

*587. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the south-east regional spatial strategy will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [10446/19]

*588. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position regarding the working group comprising officials from planning authorities and his Department established to review and revise the 2005 planning guidelines on sustainable rural housing; if the review has concluded; if he has engaged with the European Commission on proposed changes to the guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [10465/19]

*589. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason the length of time residence in a house is a criterion for having a stair lift installed by the council as in the case of a person (details supplied); the reason necessity is not the determining factor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10476/19]

*590. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of units funded under the SHCEP programme at the end of 2018, in tabular form; the number of units that will end in the ownership of an AHB or local authority; the annual cost of these leases in 2018; the number of units that will remain in the ownership of private interests; and the annual cost of these leases in 2018. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10498/19]

*591. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider making regulations requiring a person signing a consent form for a planning application on their land to provide contact details in order that the council can contact them to ascertain if the consent is genuine or not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10506/19]

*592. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a facility (details supplied) is being used for housing allocation or emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [10521/19]

*593. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the original targets for housing schemes; and the number of units delivered under each scheme to date in tabular form (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [10556/19]

*594. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the type of leases used in SHCEP leases of privately owned units; the length of time of the lease or range of times in use; if the leases allow the owner to withdraw from the lease before its due date; if so the grounds for same; whether the leases include an option to buy; and if so, the point at which such options can be included. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10575/19]

*595. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of SHCEP leases brought on stream each year since the funding schemes inception by those units permanently in private ownership and those that will end up in the ownership of local authorities and approved housing bodies; and the annual cost of each category of lease. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10576/19]

*596. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of Rebuilding Ireland home loans drawn down in each local authority area at the end of 2018, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10610/19]

*597. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to raise the threshold for the single stage approval process for social housing from €2 million to €7 million; if such a proposal is consistent with the public spending code; the engagement his Department has had with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform on the matter; and if this proposal was agreed as part of the pre-Budget 2019 negotiations. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10687/19]

*598. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the changes to planning guidelines he will introduce to speed up and encourage the provision of accommodation in town centres and above existing retail units in view of the fact that the current guidelines are not achieving same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10706/19]

*599. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if responsibility for further development and expansion of the Edenderry wastewater treatment plant rests with Irish Water or Offaly County Council. — Robert Troy. [10724/19]

*600. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the Rebuilding Ireland home loan budget allocated to each local authority in 2018; the drawdown of these budgets by local authorities in 2018; and the allocations for this loan scheme to each local authority in 2019, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10815/19]

*601. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of plans to make changes to the HAP system (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [10820/19]

*602. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the allegations that Meath County Council paid moneys to a company (details supplied) for work carried out by another company from the 2008 and 2009 period that subsequently led to a Garda investigation and resulted in a conviction in relation to fraud; if his Department has carried out an examination of the circumstances which led to this instance; if he is satisfied that Meath

County Council and all other local authorities have updated procedures to ensure that a similar case does not reoccur; if he is satisfied that Meath County Council has ensured that the moneys due have now been recouped from the company and that the company which carried out the works has been paid for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10860/19]

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

*603. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the introduction of regulations to provide for managed hedge cutting on roadsides and burning of vegetation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [10358/19]

*604. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if Údarás na Gaeltachta will be strengthened via legislative changes in the same capacity as Enterprise Ireland will be under Part 3 of the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2019 in order to support Údarás client companies through investment, loans and regional development and innovation grants in order to mitigate the harmful effects of Brexit. — Dara Calleary. [10398/19]

*605. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if Údarás na Gaeltachta will be strengthened via legislative changes in the same capacity as Enterprise Ireland will be under Part 3 of the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2019 and allow Údarás client companies to avail of the EU General block exemption regulation on state aid permitting maximum aid intensities for research and development projects of up to 70% for small and medium enterprises which is not permitted currently under Irish legislation. — Dara Calleary. [10399/19]

*606. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will request the OPW to carry out an assessment on a protected historical structure (details supplied) to ascertain its current condition and to prepare a plan for its restoration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10402/19]

*607. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will request the OPW to remove the cover on a protected historical structure (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10403/19]

*608. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if Ireland is a signatory of the International Charter for the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites (The Venice Charter 1964); and if so, if Ireland complies with the principals and objectives contained within. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10426/19]

*609. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta eolas maidir leis na na nithe seo a leanas a thabhairt cothrom le dáta i dtáblaí (sonraí tugtha). — Aindrias Moynihan. [10452/19]

*610. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the position regarding the relationship between the Heritage Council and the National Biodiversity data centre in view of the announcement of the new biodiversity charter; if the Heritage Council plans to establish a new service level agreement with the NBDC; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [10501/19]

*611. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if a farmer (details supplied) will be compensated for the designation of their lands as special areas of conservation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10513/19]

*612. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta cén chaoi a roinneadh an €500,000 breise a cuireadh ar fáil d'Údarás na Gaeltachta le haghaidh comharchumainn agus eagraíochtaí pobalbhunaithe do 2019; cén méid breise a tugadh do gach eagraíocht faoi leith agus cén bunús a bhí leis an gcinneadh i ngach cás; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10554/19]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADAIOIN, 6 MÁRTA, 2019
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH, 2019**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the number of hours made available for English courses will be considered by the education and training board in view of the fact only two hours per week are being provided; if his attention has been drawn to the benefits an increase in hours will have in order to help new communities including refugees and asylum seekers integrate locally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [10859/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he will take in relation to schools (details supplied); when work on the schools will be completed; when the schools will have full possession of all their facilities and school buildings again; the negotiations between the builders responsible and his Department; if there have been developments such as legal action in terms of the flaws and failures identified in the cases of these particular school buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [10872/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress being made on three school projects (details supplied) in County Donegal; the timeline for the delivery of the school buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [10651/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the schools built by a company (details supplied) in which issues were identified; when the review into the design and build programme will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [10880/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if access to a co-educational multi-denominational second-level school option will be provided in the Ashtown, Cabra, Phibsborough and Dublin 7 areas. — Ruth Coppinger. [10863/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a schedule of accommodation will be provided to a school (details supplied) further to officials from his Department meeting with the school in October 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [10781/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the process for parents should they wish to request that their child's primary or post-primary school apply on their behalf to his Department to open an ASD class in that school; the way in which the decision on whether or not to make an application for additional resources to open an ASD class is arrived at between parents and a school; the way in which the request is then processed by his Department and the NCSE; the requirements that determine if a school is successful in its application; the follow-up carried out by his Department and the NCSE with a school that is in receipt of funding for an ASD class for their school; the way in which the progress of that class is assessed in view of the funding received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [10933/19]

8. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna céard iad na céimeanna a bheartaíonn sé a ghlacadh lena chinntiú go mbeidh soláthar scoileanna lán-Ghaeilge ar fáil le freastal ar an éileamh ar oideachas trí Ghaeilge ar fud an Stáit; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10950/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a new school (details supplied) in County Donegal will move to build stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [10858/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department has completed its analysis of the proposal by Cavan and Monaghan ETB to close schools (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is widespread opposition at local level to the ETB proposal; his plans to ensure that the present delivery of second-level school services in the west County Cavan area through the schools will continue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [10867/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to a recent report from the OECD with respect to literacy standards amongst third-level students; if his Department has carried out research in relation to literacy among students attending third-level courses; if so, the findings of such studies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [10876/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the plans for a permanent school building for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10929/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a survey of the available physical education facilities for students studying at senior cycle will be commissioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [10882/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of additional classrooms for a school (details supplied) to cater for the needs of pupils from September 2019. — Ruth Coppinger. [10862/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding certain subjects being taught by the one teacher across multiple schools further to recent reports; the subjects that are in particular demand; the teacher unions and representatives of teachers that have been consulted on these proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [10877/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person that is under the VTOS scheme takes up a paid internship or work during the summer can still access VTOS for the second year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [10856/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Education and Skills on Relationships and Sexuality Education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [10864/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school building project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10728/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to issue specific guidelines for time to be set aside for eating and hygiene in primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10928/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the progress in constructing a new third-level IT Wexford campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [10895/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of detailed economic analysis to be conducted by the European Commission into the funding of third-level education here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [10881/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether the junior certificate curriculum is appropriate and is not overloaded with topics, but rather concentrates on core topics essential to numeracy, literacy and general social development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [10875/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on amending the Education Act 1998 to allow for the implementation of a relationships and sexuality education syllabus independent of school ethos; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [10865/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of university graduates here that are functionally illiterate; the cohorts which are tracked by his Department; if he is working to identify the factors driving decreases in levels of literacy amongst graduates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [10878/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the new build project for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [10686/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the level of authority teachers in primary and post-primary schools have in determining whether a child with additional needs is allowed to participate in a mainstream subject; if a teacher has the authority to refuse a child into their class should that child wish to participate in that class; the authority a teacher has to refuse a SNA into their classroom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [10934/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for the delays in the delivery of extension work at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10684/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the site acquisition to accommodate the three school campus in Buncrana, County Donegal; the timeline of works to ensure that the campus is completed as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10717/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 has not been implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [10932/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress made in the acquisition of a site for a new school (details supplied) in County Dublin and the delivery of temporary accommodation at the existing site in the interim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [10682/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of works on a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [10930/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the next steps following on from the 2017 schools energy efficiency pilot in terms of a wider schools energy retrofit programme particularly in relation to the timeline for the deep retrofit of further schools and the number of schools he plans to be deep retrofitted; if he has engaged with the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment regarding the possibility of introducing a feed-in tariff for micro-generated renewable energy and the benefits this would have for schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [10914/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress made to put a new bereavement process in place regarding the sitting of junior and leaving certificate exams and payment of tuition fees for students that have experienced a family bereavement in the same school year; the situation for students that have experienced a family bereavement in 2019 in advance of the junior and leaving certificate exams in June 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [10936/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress in relation to a major building project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [10854/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address the immediate problem of over subscription at a school (details supplied) for the 2019 school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [10681/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the relocation of a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [10931/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if all school buildings planned will be delayed due to the pre-qualification process review of a school (details supplied) following a recent court case. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [10871/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he is satisfied there are enough primary school places available in Rathcoole, County Dublin to meet local demand; his plans to meet future demand as a result of the construction of new houses underway locally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10683/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding students from County Donegal attending a college (details supplied) in Derry that are not entitled to a SUSI grant due to the fact they are attending PLC equivalent courses abroad; the way in which these students will be affected post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [10855/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide a third second-level school for Gorey, County Wexford; when a third facility will be required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [10894/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for a new secondary school in Blanchardstown, Dublin 15; the location his Department plans to locate the school; the catchment area to be covered by the new school; his views on whether the new school addresses the needs for school places in areas in which a significant amount of new housing is being developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [10873/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the level of commitment which exists that fees from higher level education institutions will not change for students from Northern Ireland post-Brexit should Britain exit the European Union. — Kathleen Funchion. [10935/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for sanction of a new school building to be located in Stranorlar, County Donegal; the timeline for the complete delivery of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [10650/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which he continues to make provision of sufficient places for children with autism throughout mainstream education at both primary and secondary level; the extent to which the needs of students are being met to the fullest extent possible in line with projections; if particular shortfalls have been identified in the context of meeting the full requirements as originally envisaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10899/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the school redevelopment project at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10938/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to adjust the status for the junior certificate curriculum for geography or history; his views on the importance of these subjects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [10874/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has given a specific commitment of funding to Cavan and Monaghan ETB to develop a new second-level school and close schools (details supplied); if so, when such a decision in respect of funding was made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [10868/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position with regard to a proposed income contingency loan scheme at third-level and the referral of the proposal to the structural reform support programme of the EU Commission for further analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10718/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeline for issuing the building for a school (details supplied) to tender again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [10870/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the proposed amalgamation of two schools (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to opposition by the relevant communities to the move; if he will reverse the plans in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10761/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position with regard to a review of history on the junior cycle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [10879/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if parents and students over 18 years of age can opt out of the NCCA religious education syllabus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [10866/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an agreement was reached to acquire the proposed site for a school (details supplied); if so, when the site acquisition will be completed; and when a tender process will be initiated in view of the fact that the new school was announced in 2015. — Shane Cassells. [10912/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of progress on the major building project for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [10869/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to reinstate fully the pre-2012 pupil teacher ratio in two, three and four teacher primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10951/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if clarification has been sought from the Minister for Justice and Equality in relation to persons that have come here under the family reunification scheme accessing student grants and supports such as BTEA in view of the fact they are excluded from the list of those that qualify; his views on reforming the list to include persons that have come here under the scheme; if clarification has not been sought, if representations will be made to the Minister for Justice and Equality for student fees for those under the scheme to be waived; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [10857/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to ensure schoolchildren in the Ballincollig, County Cork catchment area can have access to an ASD unit in their community; the engagement there has been with schools in the catchment area regarding the establishment of such a unit in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10937/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which he expects to meet the requirements and objections as set out in the school building programme by county in 2019; if he remains satisfied that the objective as set out can be met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10898/19]

59. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will engage with the promoters of organisations (details supplied). — Shane Cassells. [10913/19]