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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason fewer additional school places in both primary and secondary schools are predicted to be provided in 2019 despite increased funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [11266/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address the acute shortage of ASD classes for post-primary school students in County Kilkenny; the measures he will be taking to address the shortage in order to prepare for the high number of children with autism in primary schools in County Kilkenny that will be finishing primary level in the coming years and that will need a place in an ASD class at post-primary level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [11159/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding to the provision of ASD services in education in the Dublin 6, 6W and 12 areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [11265/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has received a report (details supplied) regarding the provision of autism specific education in the west Dublin area; if he will meet with parents in the area to discuss the need for an autism specific school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [10963/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will meet with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the administrative workload of teaching principals, the need for administrative release for teaching principals, the restoration of primary teachers supply panels and other matters of concern; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10964/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

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

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

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

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which he expects to meet the requirements and objectives 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]

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

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*65. To ask the Taoiseach the number of jobs created in each of the counties in the Border region in 2018. — Brendan Smith. [11250/19]

*66. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019, by campaign and social media platform used. — Catherine Murphy. [11128/19]

*67. To ask the Taoiseach if he has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019; and the amount spent by company. — Catherine Murphy. [11145/19]

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

*68. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the steps he will take to ensure that veterans that fought in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 1961 are awarded medals for bravery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11046/19]

*69. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the steps he will take to ensure that deceased veterans that fought in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 1961 are awarded medals for bravery posthumously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11047/19]

*70. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019, by campaign and

social media platform used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11118/19]

*71. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019; and the amount spent by company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11135/19]

*72. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the case of a vessel entering Irish waters recently carrying nuclear waste material and a Naval Service vessel being sent out in consequence of the incident; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [11242/19]

*73. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if vessels carrying nuclear waste material approaching Irish waters are monitored; and if so, the number recorded in the past five years. — Brian Stanley. [11243/19]

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

*74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a disability accommodation appeal will be allowed in the case of a person (details supplied) in view of the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11040/19]

*75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the fact that indigenous and Afro-descendent communities in the state of La Guajira, Colombia have launched a lawsuit against the coal supplier of the ESB in Colombia (detailed supplied); if the Embassy in Colombia is following the legal case; if his Department has raised the issue with the ESB; and if he has discussed the issue with the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment. — Seán Crowe. [11076/19]

*76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a matter in relation to a disability accommodation on behalf of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11083/19]

*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019 by campaign and social media platform used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11122/19]

*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019; the amount spent by company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11139/19]

*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there will be tweaks or legal interpretations put on the backstop in the withdrawal treaty as reported in an editorial (details supplied). — Micheál Martin. [10593/19]

*80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has formally raised the issue at EU level of a financial aid package for Ireland in the event of a no-deal Brexit. — Lisa Chambers. [11155/19]

*81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will address concerns related to the election observation roster maintained by Irish Aid (details supplied); the way in which Irish Aid promotes support for disability among election observers which is mandated by both the European Union and the OSCE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11193/19]

*82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to recognise the rights of thousands of volunteers that help deliver programmes (details supplied) on the ground; his plans to ensure equality monitoring of Irish Aid volunteers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [11236/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*83. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019, by campaign and social media platform used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11121/19]

*84. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019; and the amount spent by company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11138/19]

*85. To ask the Minister for Finance the additional number of customs officers that have been hired by the Revenue Commissioners and in employment; the locations of these officers; the new posts based in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [11191/19]

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

*86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 70 of 27 February 2019, if a copy of the formal notification sent by his Department advising of its position in regard to the Public Sector Transfer Network to a pension scheme (details supplied) on 14 June 2018 will be provided. — Clare Daly. [10970/19]

*87. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the sanctions he gave in order to open public bank accounts in the name of An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the locations of the accounts that were opened; the purpose of the accounts that were opened; the details of the sanctions he gave in order to close public bank accounts in the name of An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the locations of the accounts that were closed; the purpose of the accounts that were closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [10973/19]

*88. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of the sanctions given in order to open public bank accounts in the name of the Irish Prison Service in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the location of the accounts opened; the purpose of the accounts

opened; the details of the sanctions given in order to close public bank accounts in the name of the Irish Prison Service in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the location of the accounts that were closed; the purpose of the accounts that were closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [10977/19]

*89. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a detailed geophysical technological search in addition to archaeology excavation will be carried out on the relevant parts of Kilmainham Gaol to determine the exact location of the remains of persons (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [11016/19]

*90. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 70 of 27 February 2019, if a formal notification advising of his position in regard to the Public Sector Transfer network and a scheme (details supplied) was circulated to all members of the Public Sector Transfer Network in June 2018. — Clare Daly. [11082/19]

*91. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019 by campaign and social media platform used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11126/19]

*92. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019; and the amount spent by company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11143/19]

*93. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a decision has been made in relation to an application by a person (details supplied) to remove a burden on lands at a location in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11229/19]

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

*94. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if vehicles that have been significantly modified, for example, a vehicle originally intended for 53 seats that has been fitted with 70 seats are eligible to apply for the school transport scheme; and if so, if there are specific vehicle testing standards they must meet. — Robert Troy. [11210/19]

*95. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to provide critical individual education planning for children with Down syndrome; when all sections of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 will be fully commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [11004/19]

*96. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if knowledge of the conditional and future tenses in the German language is required for the junior certificate exam. — Kathleen Funchion. [11006/19]

*97. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the genitive and dative cases and genitive and accusative prepositions in the German language are required for the junior certificate exam. — Kathleen Funchion. [11007/19]

*98. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of developments to advance a project (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [11014/19]

*99. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an audit of the education needs for Ballyfermot has been carried out (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [11059/19]

*100. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase secondary school places in Gorey, County Wexford. — Thomas Byrne. [11085/19]

*101. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason it took so long for his Department to set up a new payroll contract for a person (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that his Department put their earnings in 2018 to the pay for 2019 which has resulted in them having to pay income tax at the 40% rate in 2019 once their earnings reach €28,300; if such delays in setting up new contracts in the future can be prevented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [11098/19]

*102. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the development of an educate together national school for Killarney, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [11107/19]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019, by campaign and social media platform used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11119/19]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019; and the amount spent by company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11136/19]

*105. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plan to give State recognition to a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [11187/19]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applications made to the State Examination Commission for reasonable accommodations; the number of applications that have been refused; the nature of the accommodations granted for both junior cycle and leaving certificate examinations in each of the past four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11195/19]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of times the critical incident policy has been implemented in schools in counties Tipperary, Cork, Laois and Offaly since 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11196/19]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cost of the use of prefabricated units in primary and post-primary schools in counties Tipperary, Cork, Laois and Offaly since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11197/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applications by primary and post-primary schools in counties Tipperary, Cork, Laois and Offaly under the prefab replacement initiative that are being assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11198/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of Gaelcholáistí here. — Carol Nolan. [11219/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of second-level aonaid which provide education through the medium of Irish here; and the location of each. — Carol Nolan. [11220/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase the number of Gaelcholáistí and aonaid here. — Carol Nolan. [11221/19]

*113. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the establishment of a Gaelcholáiste or aonaid in Tullamore, County Offaly has been considered. — Carol Nolan. [11222/19]

*114. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the ongoing issue regarding the pay and entitlements of school secretaries is being examined; and his plans to intervene in relation to the issue to improve same. — Carol Nolan. [11223/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details including the course name of all education and training courses advertised for a training centre (details supplied) in County Donegal in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; the maximum course intake versus the actual number of applicants each course received for each of these years in instances in which a course was advertised for the centre but was subsequently delivered at an alternative centre; the details of each such course; the reason for the decision to change the centre; the location of the centre in which the course was later delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11239/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the provision of an Educate Together national school for Clonmel, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [11249/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which the special needs teacher requirement continues to be met nationally and in particular in north County Kildare; if sufficient provision continues to be made in line with requirements and requests from the various primary and second-level schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11251/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which the school building programme continues in line with expectation and projections nationally and in County Kildare in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11252/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of schools scheduled for expansion and extension or replacement in respect of primary and second-level schools nationally and in County Kildare in 2019; the extent to which the programme remains on target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11253/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the degree to which class sizes, the pupil-teacher ratio and overcrowding at primary and second-level throughout County Kildare and nationally is being addressed; the way in which this will manifest itself in the context of a campus (details supplied) with particular reference to the need to restart the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11254/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of school projects which were halted during construction arising from the collapse of a group (details supplied); the extent to

which the relevant issues have been resolved in each case; the issues pending resolution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11255/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress in relation to the advancement of a Gaelcholáiste in north County Kildare with particular reference to the need to meet the second-level requirements of the students emerging from a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11256/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of school replacements, extensions or upgrades submitted to by the various school authorities throughout north County Kildare at primary and second-level in respect of which construction progress is in hand, is planned for early date or is awaiting attention; when each project will be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11257/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which primary and second-level school construction or upgrading requirements are being met in Naas, County Kildare; if the current programme remains adequate to meet the demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11258/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which primary and second-level school construction or upgrading requirements are being met in Maynooth, County Kildare; if the current programme remains adequate to meet the demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11259/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which primary and second-level school construction or upgrading requirements are being met in Celbridge, County Kildare; if the current programme remains adequate to meet the demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11260/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which primary and second-level school construction or upgrading requirements are being met in Kilcock, County Kildare; if the current programme remains adequate to meet the demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11261/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress in relation to the extension of the primary level facilities at Johnstownbridge, County Kildare; when new and upgraded facilities will become available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11262/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number and location of primary schools in north County Kildare scheduled for improvement or replacement and in respect of which submissions have been made to by the various school authorities; the extent to which progress is being achieved in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11263/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number and location of second-level schools in north County Kildare scheduled for improvement or replacement and in respect of which submissions have been made to by the various school authorities; the extent to which progress is being achieved in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11264/19]

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

*131. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which and when he plans to update the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956. — Thomas P. Broughan. [11005/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda officers by rank that are subject to official disciplinary action over the misuse of the Pulse computer system and other information systems with An Garda Síochána from 1 January 2018 to date in 2019; the number of civilian staff by grade that are subject to official disciplinary action over the misuse of the Pulse computer system and other information systems with the force from 1 January 2018 to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [10978/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of staff by grade and section in his Department that are subject to official disciplinary action over the misuse of computer information systems, electronic data and or file storage systems and other information systems from 1 January 2018 to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [10979/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his Department or organisations under his remit have conducted a national security assessment of technology provided by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [11036/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if An Garda Síochána uses technology provided by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [11037/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to review the policy of not granting citizenship or naturalisation to spouses of Irish citizens living abroad and that do not comply with residency requirements laid down in legislation. — Seán Crowe. [11075/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he has taken to ratify the Lanzarote Convention; the timeline for the ratification of the Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [11087/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons waiting on mediation through the free legal aid system to date by county in tabular form; the length of time they are waiting; the waiting times for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11090/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a review of the decision to deport will be undertaken in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11100/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the required reports will be furnished to the Turkish authorities from the mutual legal assistance department in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11112/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019, by campaign and social media platform used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11125/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019; and the amount spent by company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11142/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of reports received by An Garda Síochána of insurance related fraud since October 2018 under the guidelines for the Reporting of Suspected Fraudulent Insurance Claims by Insurance Entities to An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11245/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide data on prison sentences and the length of sentences over the past 20 years; the data or analysis done on the different categories of sentences served and statistics on early releases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [11272/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the data on prisoner numbers and equivalent numbers for 1999, 2009 and 2019; the accommodation statistics for 1999, 2009 and 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [11273/19]

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

*146. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of companies in which Enterprise Ireland has an equity stake by amounts (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [10986/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the estimated value of the equity portfolio of Enterprise Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [10987/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the amount the equity portfolio of Enterprise Ireland generated in income in 2017 and 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [10988/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the maximum equity stake Enterprise Ireland can take in a company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [10989/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if IDA Ireland has the power to take equity stakes in client companies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [10990/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to protect high street retail in view of the increasing impact of online shopping; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [11008/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the planned children's research and innovation centre at the new national children's hospital will be partly funded by her Department or agencies under her remit; if so, the expected amount; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [11022/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019 by campaign and social media platform used; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11114/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019; and the amount spent by company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11131/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she is taking to protect supply chains of manufacturers and distributors connecting with the UK and the rest of the EU 27 after 29 March 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [11199/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will report on the plans of Enterprise Ireland to promote and support companies diversifying into new foreign markets in 2019 and 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [11200/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of additional jobs created over 2018 in the Border region. — Niamh Smyth. [11276/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*158. To ask the Minister for Health if a child (details supplied) will be called for an outpatient appointment at the earliest date possible. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [10971/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health if Pembro has received marketing authorisation here and in the EU, respectively for the treatment of cervical cancer. — Clare Daly. [10972/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 388 of 18 December 2018, the status of a model of care; when same will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10980/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical card application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10994/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the restoration of radiotherapy services in Sligo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [11012/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health the status of efforts being made by the HSE to meet the long-term operational funding of a service provider (details supplied) in County Donegal; when a decision will be made with respect to meeting the core funding needs of the provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11028/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health the reason research in motor neuron disease is not funded by the HSE (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [11029/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to improve out of hours disability services in counties Cork and Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [11034/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive a MRI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [11035/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [11038/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health when Spinraza treatment will be rolled out to persons with spinal muscular atrophy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [11045/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to ensure that Spinraza is made available to persons with spinal muscular atrophy here. — Carol Nolan. [11048/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he has taken to date in relation to ongoing requests by persons with spinal muscular atrophy and their families to have Spinraza made available. — Carol Nolan. [11049/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to assist persons with spinal muscular atrophy. — Carol Nolan. [11050/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agency nurses employed at the Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore. — Carol Nolan. [11051/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agency nurses employed at the Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore from 1 January to 31 December 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11052/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the National Ambulance Service has embarked on a process of converting ambulances with excessive mileage that have been withdrawn from front-line service to emergency equipment carriers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11053/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health the cost involved in converting ambulances with excessive mileage to emergency equipment carriers. — Carol Nolan. [11054/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health if the possibility of purchasing modern vehicles for use as equipment carriers was explored; and the cost of this particular option. — Carol Nolan. [11060/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the decision to use ambulances with excessive mileage as equipment carriers was deemed appropriate; and the factors that influenced this decision. — Carol Nolan. [11061/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health the maintenance costs by year for the use of ambulances with excessive mileage as equipment carriers. — Carol Nolan. [11062/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to concerns that four of the five helicopters in use for interhelicopter transfers are not capable of landing on the rooftop of the

new national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11063/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health if the aviation providers were consulted in the design process of the new national children's hospital. — Carol Nolan. [11064/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to concerns regarding night-time helicopters being unable to land on the proposed helipad at the new national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11065/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are still only two ambulance controls in Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [11066/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand the number of ambulance controls in Dublin city. — Carol Nolan. [11067/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on private ambulances at the Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore from 1 January to 31 December 2018. — Carol Nolan. [11068/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on private ambulances at the Midland Regional Hospital, Portlaoise from 1 January to 31 December 2018. — Carol Nolan. [11069/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid out by the HSE to members of the ambulance service in the past 15 years in relation to alleged bullying cases. — Carol Nolan. [11070/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health the number of alleged bullying cases made to the HSE by ambulance personnel over the past 15 years. — Carol Nolan. [11071/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health the number of alleged bullying cases made to the HSE by male ambulance personnel over the past 15 years. — Carol Nolan. [11072/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health the number of alleged bullying cases made to HSE by female ambulance personnel over the past 15 years. — Carol Nolan. [11073/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health the number of stage 2 and 3 grievances pursued by ambulance personnel that were dealt with under the grievance procedure in the timeframe set out by the HSE over the past 15 years. — Carol Nolan. [11074/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health when an additional morning hour will be approved in the case of a person (detail supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11080/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health if required surgery will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11081/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for 6, 9, 12, 18 and more than 18 months, respectively for occupational therapy by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [11088/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric occupational therapist vacancies in each county; and the steps he is taking to reduce waiting lists. — Mick Wallace. [11089/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a primary medical certificate for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11095/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for an angiogram at Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [11096/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health when the position of speech therapist as part of the north Kildare disability team will be filled following a recent vacancy in view of the need for speech therapy in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11097/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health the costs associated with the work and report of the independent review group examining the role of voluntary organisations, such as, remuneration for members, expense and allowances, drafting and publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11102/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the HSE conducts overseas video job interviews with medical professionals that are based in states that ban online telecommunication software, such as a programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [11103/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to include carbohydrate levels on menus in addition to calories in view of the fact that those with type 1 diabetes must input correct carbohydrate levels into insulin pumps and type 2 diabetes sufferers must control diet through carbohydrate counting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [11104/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health the reason family members with residents in a facility (details supplied) are being invited by the HSE to meet with an independent psychiatrist; the intentions behind such meetings; the options being considered in view of these meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [11105/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019, by campaign and social media platform used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11123/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019; the amount spent by company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11140/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health if an operation will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [11147/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health if a report on the new drugs budget for the HSE 2019 will be provided; the amount that has been spent; the items on which the money has been spent; the amount remaining in view of a media report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11153/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health if a detailed analysis of the decision not to make Spinraza available to persons here will be provided including but not limited to the final agreed costs to the

HSE and the final agreed costs in all other relevant jurisdictions; if the costs for Ireland are broadly comparable to all other jurisdictions in which Spinraza is being made available; the rationale for it not being made available here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11180/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to address the issue of long standing pharmaceutical assistants in the event of a change in rules (details supplied); if he has met with representatives of pharmaceutical assistants in formulating his views on these rule changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [11183/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health if he will direct the Health Service Executive to provide a status report of plans for refurbishment, renovation and new building works at a hospital (details supplied) as committed to in the capital plan; the position regarding the overall security of the timeline of the project in view of the overspend on the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [11184/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health if he will direct the Health Service Executive to provide a status report on the progress of the proposed local health centre planned at a location (details supplied); the position regarding the overall security of the timeline of the project in the view of the overspend on the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [11185/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Kildare is entitled to assistance with hearing aids. — Sean Sherlock. [11216/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list time for persons awaiting a procedure (details supplied) by county; and the age, gender and length of time they have been waiting for surgery in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [11217/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health the number of calls that required ambulance personnel to work beyond their rostered finishing time from 1 January to 31 December 2018. — Carol Nolan. [11218/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 102 of 28 February 2019 (details supplied), if funding is provided for organisations offering child and adolescent psychotherapy services in respect of gender and domestic violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [11226/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health the number of unlicensed medicines dispensed on the medical card scheme and on the discretionary hardship arrangements scheme in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [11227/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card will be awarded to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [11228/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health if a cross-Border scheme refund will be awarded to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [11237/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health if a facility (details supplied) in County Donegal has been fully taken over by a newly appointed service provider; if so, the date on which services were formally transferred to the new operator; the number of hours of respite services delivered at the

facility in each week of 2019 to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [11238/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO awaiting a counselling appointment in primary care; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — James Browne. [11271/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds and wards in all public and voluntary acute hospitals that were closed on 1 March 2019 or the latest date on which data for validated bed closures at hospital and ward level are available in tabular form. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11277/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost through delayed discharges in each public and voluntary hospital to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11278/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of clinical status 1 ECHO incidents responded to by first responder in 7 minutes and 59 seconds or less for each ambulance station in each month in the year to the end of February 2019 or the latest date available; and the percentage of clinical status 1 DELTA incidents responded to by a patient-carrying vehicle in 7 minutes and 59 seconds or less. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11279/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients aged 75 years of age or over that experienced an emergency department wait time more than 24 hours to date in 2019; and the hospitals in which the wait occurred. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11280/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours being provided in each LHO area. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11281/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11282/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance attendances at each emergency department nationally in January 2018; the number of such ambulances that waited longer than 20 minutes to hand over patients, get their trolleys back and return to responding to calls; and the number that waited longer than 40, 60, 90, 120 and more than 180 minutes for same, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11283/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health the number of spinal fusion patients waiting less than four months in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin and Temple Street Children's University Hospital; the number waiting four to eight and more than eight months for treatment; and if the same information will be provided for other spinal patients in tabular form. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11284/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients that were removed from outpatient lists each month in 2018 as a result of validation exercise and not as a result of having an appointment with a consultant in each public and voluntary hospital in tabular form. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11285/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11286/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11287/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an audiology appointment in primary care; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52, and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11288/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a dietetics appointment in primary care; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52, and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11289/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an oral health appointment in primary care; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11290/19]

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

*233. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to change the regulations in relation to the eligibility of donkeys as stock for minimum stocking densities under the ANC scheme 2013 to 2020 or 2021 to 2027; if so, the changes proposed; his further plans to have a public consultation on the proposed changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10965/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason farmers (details supplied) have not been issued agricultural grants for 2018; when these will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10968/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will be made on an appeal to exclude a farmer (details supplied) from the young farmers scheme; the reason for the delay with the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10969/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019, by campaign and social media platform used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11113/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019; the amount spent by company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11130/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific supports that will be made available to beef farmers in the immediate aftermath of a no-deal Brexit, if such a scenario should arise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [11158/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the protocols and procedures a farmer must follow to get a carcass grade rechecked if they are unhappy with the grade awarded by the mechanical grading machine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [11201/19]

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

*240. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the Defence Forces or his Department have conducted a national security assessment of technology provided by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [11001/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if Cabinet committee F (National Security) or his Department has conducted a national security assessment of technology services provided by a company (details supplied); and the extent to which the State relies on the company. — Jack Chambers. [11056/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to order a comprehensive review of structures, capabilities and fusion across all Departments in particular the Departments of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Justice and Equality and Defence in view of the fact that fundamentally cyber security is a three pronged approach on defence, security and crime; and the way in which overall capabilities are to be developed to address the growing risk to the digital economy. — Jack Chambers. [11057/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will address a matter regarding an allowance (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10976/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of the initial national security assessment by a company (details supplied) to use technology provided by another company in its network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [11018/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason the response to security queries in relation to a company (details supplied) was to highlight statutory obligations of network operators, the Commission for Communications Regulation responsibility and that State security is primarily a matter for the Minister for Justice and Equality rather than taking responsibility for this risk to the digital economy; his views on whether this is a further admission of a failure to take the threat seriously in view of the recent report into the implementation of the national cyber strategy by the Comptroller and Auditor General; his further views on whether it is exposing the State to unacceptable risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [11020/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if consideration has been given to a buyout scheme for salmon fishery licence holders; if so, the position regarding same; if there is an option available to offer licences for sale; if a compensation package will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [11021/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [11093/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the National Broadband Plan tender progress; when all homes and businesses in County Kildare will have access to high speed broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [11094/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of the cost-benefit analysis of the National Broadband Plan; if the cost-benefit analysis has been updated recently; the projected cost of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [11099/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019, by campaign and social media platform used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11116/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019; the amount spent by company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11133/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to review the policy on commercial incineration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [11208/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to review the policy on the imposition of a levy on commercial incineration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [11209/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if vessels carrying nuclear waste material traveling close to Irish waters are monitored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [11244/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the national broadband scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11274/19]

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

*256. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to review the decision by which Irish Coast Guard vehicles will not be authorised to use blue warning lights and sirens when on recuse missions; the reason these were prohibited from use by the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10966/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he plans to put the Irish Coast Guard on a statutory basis in view of the important work it carries out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10967/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the procedures in place regarding complaints made or raised by staff members that are responsible for the inspection of vehicles at NCT test centres when they have concerns in relation to the quality of inspections carried out. — Clare Daly. [10975/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has had exploratory talks with associations (details supplied) regarding an all-Ireland soccer team in line with the practice of the all-Ireland rugby team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [10984/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he envisages changes to the plans for Metro North; the timeline and dates which would include the period of the consultation process up to the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [10985/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 575 of 19 February 2019, when the extra services will be approved by the NTA in view of the significant delays to commuters. — Clare Daly. [10992/19]

*262. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the revised route for the Dublin MetroLink rail line will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [11002/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position with regard to green card insurance for travel between here and the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [11003/19]

*264. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the average waiting time for a practical driver test in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [11010/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he has taken in 2018 in particular to address the dangers posed by drones at airports. — Imelda Munster. [11023/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if all persons arriving in airports here on a domestic flight must go through immigration control despite the fact that they are travelling within the State; and his plans to remove this requirement. — Imelda Munster. [11024/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the action he has taken or plans to take to review the safety and regulation of the use of electric scooters, electric hoverboards and uniwheels. — Imelda Munster. [11026/19]

*268. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a driver test demand scenario planning submission which was sent to his Department by the RSA; if the 67 proposed additional driver testers and 17 staff were appointed; if approval was given for same; when the decision was taken; the number of testers and staff appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [11027/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the parking infrastructure planned for Newbridge train station, County Kildare to match the increase in service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [11091/19]

*270. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 641 of 12 February 2019, if the free interrail travel will include students that are 19, 20, 21 and 22 years of age and not only those aged 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [11092/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019, by campaign and social media platform used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11129/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019; the amount spent by company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11146/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans in the event of a no-deal Brexit particularly in the context of the implications for the landbridge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [11156/19]

*274. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which he plans to ensure that there is no disruption to supply chains both east-west and north-south in the event of a hard or no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [11181/19]

*275. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details and timing of proposed works on the N11 southbound at Kilmacanogue including but not limited to the creation of a third lane; the physical separation between lanes and the development of a greenway at the southern cross roundabout; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [11192/19]

*276. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a person that holds an EU driver licence and then swaps this licence for an Irish driver licence is treated as a new licence; and if not, if the date of issuance of the Irish licence reflects the original licence. — Robert Troy. [11194/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to insurance premium increases being levied on licence holders that have swapped their driver licence for an Irish licence. — Robert Troy. [11233/19]

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

*278. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [11015/19]

*279. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019, by campaign and social media platform used; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11115/19]

*280. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019; the amount spent by company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11132/19]

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

*281. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019, by campaign and social media platform used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11127/19]

*282. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019 by amount and company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11144/19]

*283. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding sources available for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [11190/19]

*284. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if projects approved under category one and category two of the second round of funding under the rural regeneration and development fund were required to have planning permission in place before funding could be approved; the specific applications for which funding was approved in which planning permission was in place; if funding was approved for projects without planning permission being in place; if so, the projects for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [11224/19]

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

*285. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the recruitment, training and qualification process for celebrants of weddings and similar services; her views on whether the role would benefit from a standardised qualification; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [11188/19]

*286. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the situation of contracted employees of a company (details supplied); and the assistance that can be provided. — Clare Daly. [10974/19]

*287. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when payment will issue pertaining to a working family payment application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [10993/19]

*288. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the length of time it is taking to process disability allowance applications; and the number of applications waiting to be processed. — Niamh Smyth. [10995/19]

*289. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10996/19]

*290. 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 when they can expect a decision on their case. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [11009/19]

*291. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of referrals for sanctions that have been made in each of the years since 2015 by those made by JobPath providers and elsewhere in other activation programmes, respectively; and the number of referrals implemented by deciding officers by JobPath providers and those made elsewhere in activation processes, respectively. — Bríd Smith. [11030/19]

*292. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of cases in which penalty rates applied within the referrals for sanctions implemented; the number of cases in which disqualifications or disallowances were implemented by JobPath providers and in other activation programmes, respectively; and the processes undertaken to ensure that the escalation from penalty rates to disqualifications is appropriate and justified. — Bríd Smith. [11031/19]

*293. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of cases in which JobPath providers provide relevant statements from the client within the total number of referrals for sanctions; the number of cases in which deciding officers requested more information from JobPath providers; and the number of those that resulted in the eventual implementation of sanctions. — Bríd Smith. [11032/19]

*294. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of jobseekers that had sanctions applied as a result of failure to attend meetings and to avail of suitable education, training or development opportunities or specified employment programmes and schemes under the JobPath programme. — Bríd Smith. [11033/19]

*295. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of invalidity pension applications to date; the processing times of applications; the volume of applications being dealt with to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11086/19]

*296. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the relevant forms for exceptional needs payment for the purpose of a funeral bill will be sent to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11101/19]

*297. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of carer's allowance applications to date; the processing times for such applications; the volume of applications being dealt with to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11106/19]

*298. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019, by campaign and social media platform used; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11120/19]

*299. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019; the amount spent by company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11137/19]

*300. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on the review of a carer's allowance application in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11173/19]

*301. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to extend the entitlement of a widow and widower to a non-married couple that are in a long-term stable relationship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11174/19]

*302. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on the review of further medical evidence submitted in support of a carer's allowance application in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [11175/19]

*303. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the HSE blind welfare allowance is means deductible for a person seeking a disability benefit if section 12 of the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2008 amends the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 and thereby entitles recipients of the disability allowance to receive the blind welfare allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [11176/19]

*304. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will issue in relation to a working family payment review for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [11179/19]

*305. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a full rate carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [11182/19]

*306. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an invalidity pension will be awarded for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [11225/19]

*307. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the pension entitlements of persons that had periods outside of the tax system; and if all pensioners that are having reassessments carried out been communicated at this stage. — Robert Troy. [11275/19]

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

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is a three bedroom house vacant or void at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [10981/19]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider freedom of market choice in terms of the mortgage protection insurance on the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme in view of the fact that some persons are paying ten times the market value; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [11039/19]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the initial sites selected for the scheme following the €25 million serviced sites fund announced in Budget 2018 as reflected in a statement (details supplied) by local authority and location; the number of homes targeted; the site on which construction has started for such affordable homes; the number of homes involved

to date; and the amount of funding sanctioned for each local authority for initial sites provided for affordable housing from the fund in tabular form. — Darragh O'Brien. [11108/19]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the development and construction status of each local authority site for affordable housing under the serviced sites fund announcement as per a statement (details supplied) in tabular form. — Darragh O'Brien. [11109/19]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of each of the five local authority sites that were previously under active consideration for affordable housing under the serviced sites fund as per an announcement (details supplied). — Darragh O'Brien. [11110/19]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of direct meetings he or his officials have had with each local authority in 2018 and to date in 2019 regarding the call for proposals with regard to the affordable housing services sites fund since circular APH 1/2018 issued in tabular form. — Darragh O'Brien. [11111/19]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019, by campaign and social media platform used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11124/19]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019; the amount spent by company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11141/19]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of deaths that have occurred in homeless accommodation units in each of the years since 2015, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [11211/19]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of deaths that have occurred in homeless family hubs in each of the years since 2015, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [11212/19]

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

*318. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if Údarás na Gaeltachta has the power to take equity stakes in client companies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [10991/19]

*319. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to have the remains of persons (details supplied) that were buried within the walls of Kilmainham Gaol exhumed and reinterred in Glasnevin Cemetery as part of her work on historical commemorations. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [11017/19]

*320. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if a school building (details supplied) will be placed on the list of protected structures due to its historical significance in education. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [11058/19]

*321. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the amount spent on social media advertising and online promoted content (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019, by campaign and social media platform used; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11117/19]

*322. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she has engaged and or consulted with a public relations online advertising agency regarding social media advertising and online promoted content in 2018 and to date in 2019; the amount spent by company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [11134/19]

*323. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question No. 228 of 13 February 2019, the details of the review of the various actions concluded under the Government Policy on Architecture 2009-2015; the actions that have been completed; the status of actions 1 to 29 in Action on Architecture 2002-2005; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [11154/19]

*324. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if Ireland is a signatory and is bound by the Charter for the Conservation of Historic Towns and Urban Areas (Washington Charter 1987); and if Ireland complies with the principals and objectives contained within. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [11240/19]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I
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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
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Chun an Aire Gnó, Fiontar agus Nuálaíochta: To the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation.

1. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will consider transferring the non-urban properties owned by the IDA to Enterprise Ireland in view of the fact that most non-urban business developments are indigenous; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10962/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the regional enterprise plans; her views on the way in which the plans can support job creation in rural Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [11166/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the performance of the IDA in terms of attracting investment and creating jobs in the regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [11163/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she has taken to recognise and ensure the rights of seasonal migrant workers through employment legislation. — Clare Daly. [11077/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the regional enterprise plans; her views on the way in which this will benefit County Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [11204/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the discussions she has had with her EU counterparts regarding the possible 55,000 job losses Ireland will face if there is a hard Brexit; and the supports and advice that have been provided. — Michael Moynihan. [9386/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when the next round of the Project Ireland 2040 disruptive technologies fund will open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [11202/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans for future investment and jobs in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [11270/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the regional spread of additional jobs added over the twelve months of 2018. — Dara Calleary. [11230/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her French or German counterparts have spoken or written to her or officials on her behalf regarding their proposals to reform EU competition law; and if so, her views on their proposals. — Michael Moynihan. [9385/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the expenditure spent to date on Brexit supports in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10954/19]

12. 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 hard Brexit; the provision that is 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. [9964/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to address the need for additional jobs and greater investment in County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [10958/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the important role the local enterprise offices have to play to support job creation in the regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [11205/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the performance of the IDA in terms of attracting investment and creating jobs in the regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [11207/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will consider in conjunction with the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection establishing a taskforce to tackle unemployment blackspots nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [11150/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the uptake of the Brexit loan scheme; the number of applications applied for and granted, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11079/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of new first-time investments by new IDA client companies in County Donegal in each of the past ten years; the

percentage of the national total of new client investments in each of those years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10960/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the productivity of the workforce here in view of recent reports expressing widely different estimates of productivity including reports by the OECD and the Central Bank; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10956/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the actions being taken to reduce the Costs of Doing Business in Ireland and reverse competitiveness deficiencies here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [11167/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the most recent occasion on which the IDA visited counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath; the number of new jobs that have been created by the IDA in the past 12 months; the steps it is taking to attract companies to the counties; the success it has had with the strategy for the counties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [11078/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of gift voucher legislation; the way in which this will benefit consumers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11248/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to hold more Brexit advisory clinics; her further plans to expand awareness of the clinics particularly in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [11267/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she has engaged in discussions to introduce an employment regulation order to ensure a minimum standard of pay and working conditions for seasonal workers in the agriculture sector. — Clare Daly. [8111/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if further legislation will be required to address issues of aid to businesses that may be affected by Brexit; the state aid restrictions that would limit such support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [11042/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she is taking to help businesses in the Border region prepare for Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [11178/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when the next round of the regional enterprise development fund will open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [11161/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn to the impact the delay in processing employment permits for non-EU nationals is having on business; the steps she is taking to address the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [11151/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the additional jobs created in 2018 in the south-east region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [11234/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the supports available through her Department and agencies under her remit to help businesses trade online; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [11162/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the beneficiaries of the EU regional aid status of Kells and north County Meath granted in 2014; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [11269/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to instruct the IDA to examine the possibility of making properties available from their portfolio of properties in rural Ireland for the development of digital hubs to be run by Enterprise Ireland particularly in view of the delay in the roll out of rural broadband; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10961/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the regional enterprise plans; her views on the way in which they will benefit County Sligo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [11160/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her Department and the agencies under her remit have ongoing contact with their counterparts in Northern Ireland in relation to protection of business and employment in the Border region both north and south due to the uncertainties that have arisen due to Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [11232/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the uptake of all Brexit supports under the remit of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [10955/19]

36. 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 hard Brexit; the provision 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. [10636/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if regular reviews are carried out of the amount allocated for the purpose of supporting businesses through the IDA and Enterprise Ireland; if she makes policy decisions in relation to the way in which funds should be divided; if there is a different approach at different points in the economic cycle; the extent to which indigenous companies are prioritised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [11043/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the regional enterprise plans; her views on the way in which this will benefit County Louth and the north-east; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [11177/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the new powers proposed for the corporate enforcement authority; if she is satisfied the new agency will have strong enough powers to robustly tackle white collar crime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [11149/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when the full ODCE report into the collapse of the trial of a person (details supplied) will be published. — Billy Kelleher. [11169/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to expand uptake in the Brexit scorecard scheme particularly in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [11268/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the supports available through her Department and the agencies under the remit of her Department to help businesses trade online; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [11203/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she is taking to assist companies in the Border counties to be prepared for Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [10959/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the take-up of Brexit preparedness courses, materials, grants and information to date in quarter 1 of 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [11164/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to legislate to give workers the right to join a trade union and have the trade union of their choice recognised by their employer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [8006/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of regional IDA site visits and vacant IDA properties nationwide at 31 December 2018 by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [11170/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the discussions she has had with the UK Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in relation to the economic uncertainty and the difficulties that will arise for business, commerce and employment in the Border region both north and south due to Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [11231/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the amount that will be made available through agencies under the aegis of her Department to support businesses that will be affected if Brexit becomes a reality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [11041/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the additional jobs created in 2018 in the west and midlands region in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [11246/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she is considering adding professional roles to the critical skills work permit lists in order to meet the extreme skills shortages in some sectors; the steps being taken to increase the speed at which work permits are being issued; and the number of outstanding work permits in all sectors that remain to be processed. — Billy Kelleher. [11171/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a policy exists for the way in which one of the jobs agencies of the State interacts with the client companies of another State jobs agency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [11148/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she has sought the waiving of state aid rules from the EU Commission to assist the domestic economy from Brexit fallout; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [10631/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the progress in strengthening the powers and effectiveness of the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [11044/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the performance of the IDA and Enterprise Ireland in terms of attracting investment and creating jobs in the regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [11172/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the regional enterprise plans; her views on the way in which this will impact County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [11247/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the regional enterprise plans; her views on the way in which this will benefit County Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [11206/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the timeline for implementation of each of the 14 recommendations made by the Personal Injuries Commission regarding personal injury awards. — Billy Kelleher. [11168/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she is liaising with the Ministers for Justice and Equality and Agriculture, Food and the Marine on recent reports by four UN rapporteurs that permits for atypical workers in particular for migrant fishery workers were leaving them vulnerable to serious abuses in view of the fact the permits tie workers to individual ships and their owners; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [11165/19]