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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address the recent announcement that Dublin Port will be significantly restricting the number of cruise ships that can enter the Port and the negative impacts that this will have on tourism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [15461/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the engagement he has had with an organisation (details supplied) regarding compliance with the governance code for the community, voluntary and charity sector as endorsed by his Department; the actions he plans to take to ensure good governance in view of recent financial irregularities at the organisation and recent changes in personnel; the oversight he has to ensure compliance; his views on the policy of potentially withdrawing funding as previously stated by him in cases of non-compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [15372/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the MetroLink project; the date by which the project will be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [15462/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the tendering process used by the National Transport Authority in awarding contracts for rural transport to companies which are for profit transport companies as opposed to non-profit community based companies (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [15436/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the process by which he can direct the NTA to consider and develop alternative alignments for the Metro southside. — Eamon Ryan. [15443/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 305 of 13 March 2019, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the second interim report into the Rescue 116 disaster states that no second interim report will be forthcoming in view of the

fact that a draft report is at an advanced stage; and when the report will be finalised. — Clare Daly. [15032/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the next round of sports capital grant funding will be opened for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [15124/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the potential reopening of Killucan railway station in County Westmeath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [15126/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he has taken in the past year and his future plans to promote areas such as the Lee Valley as being near the Wild Atlantic Way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15161/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to review and improve the 233 bus service in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15162/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has applied to the European Union to designate the Dublin to Rosslare railway line with Trans-European Transport Network, TEN-T, core status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [14750/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the progress of the review of the extended evening and weekend LocalLink bus services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [15123/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will recommend that responsibility for the application and assessment of all sports capital grants be allocated to a fully independent body in the interests of transparency and efficiency and to build the best national sports infrastructure for all persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [14772/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the discussions he has had with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the water sports clubs in Dún Laoghaire harbour with regard to a municipal water sports centre in the harbour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15051/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the basis on which the decision was taken to extend contract for the supply, installation, maintenance and ongoing operation of the public bike share schemes in Cork, Galway and Limerick from April 2019 to May 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15167/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will request European wide enforcement for all safety features on offer from manufacturers as mandatory on aircraft entering European airspace in view of recent tragic disasters involving an aircraft (details supplied) which did not have optional safety features fitted. — Clare Daly. [15031/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to lower fares to encourage uptake of public transport in relation to BusConnects plans; if he has reviewed the increase in

fares across public transport since 2011; his views on whether the present fare structures may be discouraging uptake; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15153/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of applications made for exemptions for the transportation of munitions or weapons of war through Shannon Airport to date in 2019 under the Air Navigation (Carriage of Munitions of War, Weapons and Dangerous Goods) Order, SI 224 of 1973; the number of these applications which were granted and denied, respectively to date in 2019; the reason given for each decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [15121/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be provided for the re-establishment of the rail line from Dublin to Kingscourt, County Cavan. — Niamh Smyth. [15164/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the attention of the Irish Aviation Authority has been drawn to fact whether a company (details supplied) paid for two safety features missing from an aircraft that crashed in Ethiopia and Indonesia, were included in the aircraft on order by the company; and if not, if the IAA will seek assurances from the company that it has. — Clare Daly. [15030/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for future investment in the secondary routes in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [15150/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the discussions he has had with TII on the development of the Dublin Galway greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14771/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of his plans to alleviate passenger congestion on the northern commuter rail line; if measures will be introduced in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [15169/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of US troops that have passed through Shannon Airport to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [15122/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for future investment in the primary routes in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [15151/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has considered introducing new driver licences that show the organ donor preferences of the holder. — Robert Troy. [15104/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his officials have costed the implementation of a programme making all public transport fully accessible for persons with disabilities in the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10481/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the mediation process ongoing between Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and a club (details supplied) with regard to a swimming pool; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15050/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the assessment made to establish the extent to which the proposed new ring road in Galway will contribute to transport carbon emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15166/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he is taking to develop the Ireland's Hidden Heartlands tourism brand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14770/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if drivers crossing the Border will require green cards for the purposes of insurance after Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9849/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Irish Aviation Authority (amendment) Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [15127/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he is satisfied that the public consultation process for residents along the proposed MetroLink and BusConnects route in Griffith Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 area was carried out in good faith; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [15149/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the sports capital programme funds will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [15100/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the Irish Aviation Authority will insist that all aircraft flying in Irish airspace are fitted with all optional safety extras on offer from aircraft manufacturers in view of recent tragic disasters involving an aircraft (details supplied) likely caused by the failure to have optional safety features fitted. — Clare Daly. [15029/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the process by which he could direct the NTA to consider and develop alternative alignments for the southside section of the Metro. — Eamon Ryan. [15087/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on an alteration to the design of MetroLink to ensure the section running from the estuary roundabout in Swords along the R132 to south of the Fosterstown lands remains underground as opposed to the current plan of part underground and part in a cut; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [15168/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the rationale for rescheduling funding from the upgrade project of the A5 motorway; if funding will be provided for same in the future; the revised timeline indicated for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9752/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be provided for the extension of the M3 Motorway to Cavan town and the east-west link which are needed in the north-east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15165/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the continuous reliability issues affecting the 115 Bus Éireann service in Kilcock, County Kildare; the steps he is taking to ensure this issue is resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [15163/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Bonagee link road project in County Donegal; when the project will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [14945/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has had discussions with the NTA and other stakeholders with regard to increasing the Dublin Bus fleet in view of the increasing urgency of action on climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15052/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce measures in order to allow asylum seekers to apply for driver licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [15106/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the policy initiatives he is considering to ensure better public transport services in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15098/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his role in the mediation process between Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and a club (details supplied) with regard to a swimming pool; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15049/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 222 of 14 February 2019, the munitions for which his Department granted an exemption on an aircraft (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [15028/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the efforts being made to increase overseas tourism numbers both nationally and in County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [15101/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he plans to take to ensure that the mountain rescue teams have enough resources to fulfil their vital role; the extra resources provided to each team in 2019; the amount paid to each team in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15099/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the capital funding secured to improve the Mullingar to Dublin rail service in terms of additional carriages and extra journeys due to the continuous issues being experienced by passengers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [15125/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the work to minimise the impacts of Brexit on the haulage industry here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [15105/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce regulation for drones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [15103/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to put pressure on an organisation (details supplied) to implement the findings of a report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [15054/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of plans to reduce the carbon emissions of the public transport fleet nationwide; the steps taken; the targets in this regard; if the targets are being met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [15170/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the progress of the A5; the details of his engagement with his counterpart in Northern Ireland on the project; the funding which will be made available for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [14946/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties caused to persons with disabilities by the failure of lifts at DART and rail stations across the city and that these failures are ongoing and constant and make accessing public transport impossible for many persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15152/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which it is proposed to increase the capacity of the commuter rail service in the north County Kildare commuter belt with particular reference to the rail stations at Sallins, Celbridge, Confey, Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock having particular regard to the need to ensure the availability of extra carriages in order to eliminate the prospect of passengers standing with consequent health and safety issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15120/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the steps he has taken to date to alleviate M50 traffic congestion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [14930/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he expects to be in a position to address the issues of undercapacity on the M4 Maynooth to Leixlip in the short-term in view of the daily occurrence of accidents and traffic jams; his views on whether the situation warrants immediate attention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15119/19]

59. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason the number of driver test instructors hired in 2018 failed to reach the target set; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [15148/19]

60. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the MetroLink project; if a cost-benefit analysis has been carried out on the new route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [15102/19]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*61. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee C (European Union including Brexit) last met. — Micheál Martin. [15112/19]

*62. To ask the Taoiseach the issues that were discussed when he met the Nordic Baltic Group on 21 March 2019; and if decisions were taken. — Micheál Martin. [14863/19]

*63. To ask the Taoiseach if the GIS and other officials and advisers in his Department are coordinating the Government of Ireland social media messages or videos; if not, if they feed into another Department; and the process in relation to same. — Micheál Martin. [15380/19]

*64. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of his Departmental strategies or policies. — Micheál Martin. [15396/19]

*65. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which his Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of his Department; and the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same. — Micheál Martin. [15413/19]

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

*66. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the members of the high-level civil-military Steering Group on Defence; the responsibilities of each; the number of times the group has met in recent years; if minutes of these meetings are available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [15036/19]

*67. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the reason a strong strategic defence planning and decision making approach is required in this policy area; the major changes he envisages which may require legislative provision for the conduct of fixed cycle reviews; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [15037/19]

*68. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on whether some of the civil society organisations which made submissions to the original Green Paper on Defence should be invited into the review process of the White Paper on Defence; his further views on whether the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Foreign Affairs, Trade and Defence would provide the ideal forum for their input into the review cycle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [15038/19]

*69. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the reason a capital allocation for spending on military equipment under Vote 36 has been increased by €29 million to €106 million for 2019; the reason this extra increase will take place in 2019; his views on whether this is a particularly advantageous time to buy military equipment; if €250 million will be spent on a ship replacement programme in 2019; the status of the multi-role vessel described in the White Paper to be enabled for helicopter operations; the estimated costs in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [15039/19]

*70. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the increasing criticism of Operation Sophia; his further views on its perceived relative failure to rescue lives in comparison to previous operations in the Mediterranean Sea; his views on its complicity in returning persons in circumstances in which there is clear evidence of torture of detainees; when he will make a decision on continuing to participate in Operation Sophia; the way in which Dáil Éireann will be consulted on the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [15040/19]

*71. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on whether the theme of peacekeeping and human rights protection by the Defence Forces should be promoted during the contribution of his Department to commemorative events even as they refer to the foundation of

the State (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [15041/19]

*72. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of former Defence Forces members that previously left the Defence Forces that have returned to the Defence Forces (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [15361/19]

*73. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of his Departmental strategies or policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15386/19]

*74. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the way in which his Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of his Department; the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15403/19]

*75. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his Department has an operating language scheme in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003; and the date when such a scheme was introduced. — Dara Calleary. [15488/19]

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

*76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on discussions with the EU in relation to the Irish border following a no-deal Brexit. — Thomas P. Broughan. [14909/19]

*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the remarks made at the UN Conference on Disarmament in February 2019 by the UN Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres, that international arms control mechanisms are collapsing; his further views on the call by the Secretary-General on the United States of America and Russia to recommit to the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty and to extend the new START treaty before it expires in 2021; the role he will play in supporting the views of the Secretary-General and in furthering Ireland’s traditional support for disarmament; if these issues of disarmament were raised during St. Patrick’s Day engagements including with the Government of the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [15042/19]

*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has spoken to the Syrian Government or its embassy in relation to a person (details supplied); and if intelligence in relation to the actions of the person in Syria was sought. — Peadar Tóibín. [15135/19]

*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied) who is waiting for an update on their application of certificate of citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15195/19]

*80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the efforts made to have a person (details supplied) returned here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [14759/19]

*81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason the elections observation briefing roster has been capped at approximately 200 when there are many qualified candidates interested in filling these roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14790/19]

*82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 67 of 21 February 2019, when applications by persons (details supplied) will be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [14805/19]

*83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he met with the family of a person (details supplied); if so, the issues that were discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14871/19]

*84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he is in a position to assist the family of a person (details supplied); if their request will be discussed with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14872/19]

*85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the election observation briefing note; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14912/19]

*86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the disproportionate and deadly response of the Government of Sudan to recent peaceful protests in that country; the steps he is taking to encourage a peace process in Sudan and to ensure that violence is brought to an end; the steps he is taking to urge the European Union into a stronger stance against ongoing oppression in Sudan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [14936/19]

*87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 12 March 2019, if he will address a series of concerns (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [14965/19]

*88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount which has been spent to date on Getting Ireland Brexit ready; and the amount expected to be spent on making the country Brexit ready for each of the next 10 years. — Peadar Tóibín. [15048/19]

*89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has formally conveyed his objection to the administration of the United States of America regarding its decision to recognise Israel’s sovereignty over the occupied Golan Heights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15079/19]

*90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to action that will be taken at EU level regarding the decision of the administration of the United States of America to recognise Israel’s sovereignty over the occupied Golan Heights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15080/19]

*91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the expenditure on overseas development aid; the way in which it equates to the target of reaching 0.7% of ODA/GNI; the cost of reaching the 0.7% target in incremental steps in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15082/19]

*92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the expenditure on the emigrant support programme; the estimated full year cost of increasing expenditure by 5%, 10%, 15% and 20% in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15083/19]

*93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the expenditure on the trust fund for Africa; the estimated full year cost of increasing expenditure by 5%, 10%, 15% and 20%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15084/19]

*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the average full year cost of running an embassy and consulate respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15085/19]

*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the expenditure on the peace and reconciliation fund; the estimated full year cost of increasing expenditure by 5%, 10%, 15% and 20%, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15086/19]

*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a third passport processing facility is to be opened in Dublin at Tallaght and or a second passport processing facility in Cork to add to existing facilities at Mount Street, Dublin 2, Balbriggan, County Dublin and South Mall in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [15137/19]

*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will address a matter in regard to a new passport processing facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [15138/19]

*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the situation in Mali including reports that civilians have been massacred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15160/19]

*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will address matters (details supplied) further to the election observation briefing note; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [15190/19]

*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of an Irish birth certificate for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15252/19]

*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of the discussions and or meetings with the EU Commission and or EU officials in relation to EU requirements of Ireland in the event of a no-deal Brexit regarding protection of the single market and potential customs checks on the island of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [15305/19]

*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which he plans to meet Ireland’s obligations regarding the single market and the potential requirement for customs checks in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [15306/19]

*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the outcome of the interdepartmental committee on the Irish abroad meeting on 21 February 2019; the status of the implementation of the recommendations made in a report (details supplied) on addressing barriers to returning emigrants; if further initiatives are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15317/19]

*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his Department is the lead Department in coordinating the Government of Ireland messages on social media and on State web sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15379/19]

*105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of his Departmental strategies or policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15390/19]

*106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which his Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of his Department; the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15407/19]

*107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his Department has an operating language scheme in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003; and the date when such a scheme was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [15492/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*108. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the betting tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14755/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 82 of 15 November 2012, the number of cases of bankruptcy summonses and court proceedings by a bank (details supplied) since November 2012; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [14769/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason salary for contract employment with the HSE is not taken into account by banks when an employee is applying for a mortgage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14773/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of suspicious transaction reports the Revenue Commissioners received in the Dublin region from financial institutions between 2014 and 2018 that originated from outside the State in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14800/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Finance if a tax clearance certificate will be issued in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [14951/19]

*113. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected impact of a no-deal Brexit on the structural balance from 2019 to 2024, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [14978/19]

*114. To ask the Minister for Finance if Ireland will receive an updated MTO in 2021; if not, when a new MTO will be applied to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14980/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected structural balance for 2019 to 2024 or the latest available date in each of the major Brexit scenarios forecasted by his Department. — Pearse Doherty. [14981/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify the recent response given regarding the number of appeals under the disabled drivers and passengers scheme in view of previous figures which were supplied (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [15070/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Finance the EU contributions to be made by Ireland in each of the next five years if Ireland's contributions were based on GNI star instead of GNI with the other elements unchanged, based on best forecasts while the basis of other countries' contributions remained unchanged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15091/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Finance if a tax clearance certificate can issue in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15186/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected one-off or temporary measures of spending from 2019 to 2024 or the latest available date in percentage of GDP and gross terms in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [15216/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected cyclical budgetary component for each year from 2019 to 2024; if a breakdown of the components of same will be provided; and if the same data for different Brexit scenarios will be provided in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [15217/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Finance the expenditure allowed in 2020 and 2021 that would be permissible before breaching the MTO taking into account projected general government balances; and if he will provide the same data for different Brexit scenarios. — Pearse Doherty. [15218/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected fiscal space from 2019 to 2024 or the latest available date; and if he will provide the same data for different Brexit scenarios in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [15219/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected total general Government revenue from 2019 to 2024 in both gross figures and as a percentage of GDP; and if he will provide the same data projected for different Brexit scenarios. — Pearse Doherty. [15220/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected total general Government expenditure from 2019 to 2024 in both gross figures and as a percentage of GDP; and if he will provide the same data projected for different Brexit scenarios. — Pearse Doherty. [15221/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to reintroduce the home renovation incentive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [15248/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the number of soft play centres for children that are being forced to close down on account of the high cost of business insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [15281/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax yield for each carbon fuel type by year in tabular form; the total for each year since the carbon tax was first introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [15282/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which the tax yield from the carbon tax was spent in the years since the tax was first introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [15283/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount the State Claims agency paid in legal costs to solicitors representing plaintiffs in medical negligence claims in 2017 and 2018; the top ten payments made to named legal firms representing the Agency and plaintiffs, respectively in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [15323/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of court prosecutions initiated by the Revenue Commissioners in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the result of each of these court cases; the number and values of fines issued in each year; the value of fines collected each year; the value of fines still outstanding in respect of these prosecutions; the arrangements in place to collect the outstanding fines; if he will provide an age analysis of these outstanding fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15339/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of court prosecutions initiated by the Central Bank in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the result of each of these court cases; the number and values of fines issued in each year; the value of fines collected each year; the value of fines still outstanding in respect of these prosecutions; the arrangements in place to collect the outstanding fines; if he will provide an age analysis of these outstanding fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15340/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of his Departmental strategies or policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15389/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which his Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of his Department; the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15406/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Finance the actions he is taking to address the concerns of owners of indoor play centres with regard to the unsustainable increase in insurance costs which is causing many of these businesses to close down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kate O'Connell. [15480/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has an operating language scheme in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003; and the date when such a scheme was introduced. — Dara Calleary. [15491/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 237 of 26 March 2019, the number of staff he has approved; if they have taken up their positions; and if not, when the positions will be filled. — Clare Daly. [15507/19]

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

*137. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when a car park will be constructed at a Garda station (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [14812/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when community employment supervisors will receive the pension provision the Labour Court agreed they were entitled to 10 years ago; the reason they have not received it to date; the reason there is a refusal to engage with their unions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14986/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the gambling regulations which apply to the National Lottery; if this is the same regulation that applies to other forms of gambling; if not, the reason for the difference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [15064/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the components of pre-committed expenditure in each year from 2019 to 2024 or the latest available date; and the gross figures for pre-committed expenditure in each year in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [15213/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the components of pre-committed capital expenditure in each year from 2019 to 2024 or the latest available date; and the gross figures for pre-committed capital expenditure in each year in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [15214/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the projections for expenditure to account for demographics from 2019 to 2024 or the latest available date in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [15215/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the strategic review by the OPW for the Phoenix Park will be put on public display in libraries and community centres in Dublin in order that persons can engage with the review; and if he will extend the consultation deadline to allow persons sufficient time to make an observation as part of the public consultation process. — Joan Burton. [14814/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will consider extending the age limit for children to access their deceased parents' civil service pension beyond 21 years of age in order to complete a third-level course of education; if there is data on the number currently accessing the scheme; if his attention has been drawn to cases in which the funding ceases upon the child reaching 21 years of age yet still has to complete their third-level course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14820/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his Department's role in the planned convention centre in Cork; if officials from his Department have attended meetings on

same since it was announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14828/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the role his officials have had in relation to the convention centre in Cork since it was first announced in 2014 in tabular form or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14856/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the recruitment campaigns which will be run by the Public Appointments Service between 2 April 2019 to 31 December 2019; the nature of the appointments; the number of positions likely to be made available in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [15035/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if all necessary financial assistance will be provided to Fingal County Council to tackle the alarming rate of coastal erosion that is occurring at The Burrow, Portrane, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [15172/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress in the preparation of a national coastal erosion strategy and plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [15173/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of Labour Court recommendations that were outstanding when the public sector agreement was agreed to that have since been paid and or concluded in line with the Labour Court recommendation; if there is a definite date by which the remaining settlements in accordance with the Labour Court recommendations will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [15326/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of his Departmental strategies or policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15394/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which his Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of his Department; the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15411/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has an operating language scheme in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003; and the date when such a scheme was introduced. — Dara Calleary. [15496/19]

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

*154. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the decision to file away child abuse files for 75 years was taken. — Robert Troy. [14816/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the delays in resolving the discrepancy between pay scales for former FÁS employees that transferred to SOLAS whilst legislation was

being enacted and that subsequently transferred to ETBs will be investigated (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [14879/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding plans for a secondary school in Kinnegad, County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [14757/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the current and capital allocation to An Comhairle um Oideachas Gaeltachta agus Gaelscolaíochta in each of the years 2016 to 2018; and the 2019 allocation in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [14780/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will request that the thresholds for the student grant scheme be increased in Budget 2020 in view of the increase in living standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14801/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the assistance available for the provision of transport for a special needs child to attend a specialised preschool (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [14875/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if correspondence from a person (details supplied) has been received; the efforts being made to address the concerns outlined therein; when a response will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14880/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the new LMETB headquarters project that is earmarked for Drogheda, County Louth; if following approval for retendering in June 2018, this project will still proceed on the grounds of a school (details supplied); if further changes have been made to tendering documents that may cause delays to the build; when he expects the project to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14894/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a discretionary bus pass will be issued to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [14895/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if home education will be funded in the case of a person (details supplied); and the process by which funding can be obtained. — John McGuinness. [14927/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide funding for a school (details supplied) in County Donegal; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this school is depending on a prefabricated building which is in excess of 12 years old and is no longer fit for purpose notwithstanding safety concerns regarding the prefab; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the school has previously applied for funding for an additional room but was refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [14950/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the number of teachers in a school (details supplied) can be reassessed. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [14987/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to work collaboratively with the Teaching Council to review the current national third-level teacher training curriculum to improve the level of training for teachers at third-level in order that all qualified teachers feel competent and are sufficiently supported in teaching children with additional needs in mainstream settings, in particular those on the autism spectrum; and his plans to create new pathways for special needs

assistants that would like to upskill to the level of special education teachers. — Kathleen Funchion. [15059/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the practice of reduced timetables affecting some Traveller students; and the actions he plans to eliminate this problem. — Thomas Byrne. [15060/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to reverse the 2011 cuts to Traveller education supports. — Thomas Byrne. [15072/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the participation and retention rates of Travellers in the education system have worsened compared to members of the settled community. — Thomas Byrne. [15073/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if data is available on the level of participation of members of the Travelling community in primary education; and the rate of participation in this regard. — Thomas Byrne. [15074/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if anti-racism training is compulsory for teacher training and continuing professional development. — Thomas Byrne. [15075/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the Traveller education strategy. — Thomas Byrne. [15076/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the level of his engagement with Traveller organisations. — Thomas Byrne. [15077/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the efforts being made to encourage Travellers to become teachers. — Thomas Byrne. [15078/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the lack of ASD services in an area (details supplied) notwithstanding the best efforts of the service providers; the current provision of services in the area; and his plans to rectify this matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15129/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if consideration has been given in the past three years to the designation of primary schools as DEIS band 2; and if consideration is being given to this at present. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15130/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the stage of the plans for a new educate together school for Killarney, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [15133/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a teacher (details supplied) will be put on a pay grade appropriate to their experience and qualifications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15140/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the date position regarding a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15142/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children with an autism diagnosis that require school placement in preschool settings, mainstream primary schools, ASD units or second-level schools at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15143/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if €54,000 will be allocated to provide a critical bus service in Navan, County Meath (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [15154/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding an application for additional accommodation in a school (details supplied) in County Cork; if a previous summer works application to change the boundary is being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15184/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to no transition year coordinator being in place at a school (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [15198/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the projected size of the National Training Fund from 2019 to 2024; and the projected size of the fund if it was maintained at its current rate of contribution of 0.7 %, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [15256/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter regarding an additional teacher for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15257/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the use of workbooks in primary school and the high associated cost with purchasing numerous revised additions. — Robert Troy. [15258/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a person (details supplied) will be accepted as a pupil at a school. — Robert Troy. [15260/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the leaving certificate appeals system can be reviewed with a view to facilitating the appeal scripts going back to the local schools for the second viewing session; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [15262/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the pressure on school places for primary school students in the Swords area; if consideration has been given to the addition of extra capacity for a school (details supplied) to alleviate this pressure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15279/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there will be an additional income disregard for a family in receipt of a SUSI grant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [15294/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when clearance to issue a revised version of a grant letter will be provided in respect of a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15297/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the statement by the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection at a recent meeting that social welfare data cannot be relied upon for accuracy by his Department in its forward planning. — Thomas Byrne. [15307/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has previously been advised by the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection that the data of her Department cannot be relied upon for forward planning purposes. — Thomas Byrne. [15308/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application for a new primary school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15314/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of prefabs in each school in Portlaoise, County Laois; the annual cost of each; the cost of the prefabs for each school; his plans to replace the prefabs with permanent structures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15316/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent of information sharing between his Department and the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection. — Thomas Byrne. [15320/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application by a school (details supplied) for emergency funding will be considered; if the case will be treated as urgent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [15354/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of his Departmental strategies or policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15387/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which his Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of his Department; the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15404/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the allocation for employing ancillary staff in ETB schools such as administration staff and caretaking staff is the same irrespective of the size of the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15426/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the situation in relation to the provision of a secondary school in Kinnegad, County Westmeath will be examined particularly in the context of a significantly increased population in the area and its environs and which was considered as part of the original M4 study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [15434/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department has an operating language scheme in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003; and the date when such a scheme was introduced. — Dara Calleary. [15489/19]

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

*203. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application for residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14789/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14792/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to upgrade the TETRA digital radio system; when the current service contract expires; his plans to move to secure 5G technology; if the new secure system (details supplied) will replace the TETRA system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14815/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application for stamp 4 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14867/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on an article in a publication (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [14922/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to increase the number of judges in the District Court; and the projected timeframe in this regard. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14938/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the progress of the Hammond Lane court complex; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14939/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the practice of direct provision centres encouraging residents to volunteer to undertake duties which could be paid employment jobs; if such practices are widespread; if his Department is consulted by providers before such volunteering is organised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14940/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 113 of 14 February 2019, the status of the publication of the Inspector of Prisons report into prison surveillance. — Clare Daly. [14956/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for refugee status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14982/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if ISIS or the paramilitary groups involved in Syria and Iraq are a proscribed organisation here; and if it is a criminal offence to be a member of these organisations and to be involved atrocities committed by these paramilitary organisations. — Peadar Kirby. [15011/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of Irish nationality for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15027/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when Ireland will sign and ratify the optional protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15056/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the measures taken to enforce laws regarding animal welfare; the number of prosecutions relating to abuses of animals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15063/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if An Garda Síochána maintain separate figures for prosecutions taken under section 41 of the Criminal Justice Act 1999 as they relate to the intimidation of jurors and witnesses respectively; if not, if he will instruct An Garda Síochána to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [15092/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of prosecutions to date on an annual basis under section 41 of the Criminal Justice Act 1999 regarding jurors or witness intimidation. — Clare Daly. [15093/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of cases that have been prosecuted in the Special Criminal Court under section 8 of the Criminal Justice Act 2009 since its enactment. — Clare Daly. [15094/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the percentage of criminal cases tried by jury in each of the years 2012 to 2017. — Clare Daly. [15095/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the policy on direct provision residents' voting rights, access to election related materials and the right to meet with candidates in the public areas of centres. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15155/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed by a person (details supplied) who wishes to become an Irish citizen and who holds a Dutch passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15157/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application pursuant to section 3(11) of the Immigration Act 1999 (as amended) in the case of a person (details supplied); when matters are likely to conclude; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15187/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the details of a recent grant of €60,000 provided to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15223/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application for leave to remain in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15251/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding optimal communication and coordination during searches for missing persons which involve a multi-agency approach in addition to the help of volunteers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [15274/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15298/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy 2017 to 2021 steering committee specifically the sub-committees on education and the mediation and feuding sub-group; the number of times each of the sub-groups have met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15309/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the work of the surrogacy interdepartmental group; the number of times it has met; the recommendations or proposals it has made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15310/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of court prosecutions initiated by the Data Protection Commission in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the result of each of these court cases; the number and values of fines issued in each year; the value of fines collected each year; the value of fines still outstanding in respect of these prosecutions; the arrangements in place to collect the outstanding fines; if he will provide an age analysis of these outstanding fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15337/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of his Departmental strategies or policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15393/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which his Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of his Department; the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15410/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his Department has an operating language scheme in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003; and the date on which such a scheme was introduced. — Dara Calleary. [15495/19]

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

*234. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to consider changing the Employment Permits (Amendment) Regulations 2018 to remove dental technicians from the list of ineligible categories of employees in view of the scarcity of dental technicians and the threat to the feasibility of dental laboratory businesses arising from the failure to secure suitably qualified employees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [15019/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of court prosecutions initiated by the Health and Safety Authority in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the result of each of these court cases; the number and values of fines issued in each year; the value of fines collected each year; the value of fines still outstanding in respect of these prosecutions; the arrangements in place to collect the outstanding fines; if she will provide an age analysis of these outstanding fines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15332/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of court prosecutions initiated by the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the result of each of these court cases; the number and values of fines issued in each year; the value of fines collected each year; the value of fines still outstanding in respect of

these prosecutions; the arrangements in place to collect the outstanding fines; if she will provide an age analysis of these outstanding fines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15333/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of court prosecutions initiated by the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the result of each of these court cases; the number and values of fines issued in each year; the value of fines collected each year; the value of fines still outstanding in respect of these prosecutions; the arrangements in place to collect the outstanding fines; if she will provide an age analysis of these outstanding fines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15334/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of court prosecutions initiated by the Workplace Relations Commission in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the result of each of these court cases; the number and values of fines issued in each year; the value of fines collected each year; the value of fines still outstanding in respect of these prosecutions; the arrangements in place to collect the outstanding fines; if she will provide an age analysis of these outstanding fines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15348/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of her Departmental strategies or policies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15382/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the way in which her Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of her Department; the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15399/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her Department has an operating language scheme in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003; and the date when such a scheme was introduced. — Dara Calleary. [15484/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*242. To ask the Minister for Health if he has reviewed the evidence in regard to the harms caused by Pandemrix in view of a commitment to do so at Leaders Questions on 15 May 2018. — Clare Daly. [14868/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Health when the legislation to deal with the low-cost selling of alcohol will be enacted. — Robert Troy. [15259/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Health the number and value of claims paid out by the State Claims Agency in 2017 and 2018 in relation to medical negligence cases; the top ten individual payouts in 2018; the claims in this regard, for example, late cancer diagnosis or misdiagnosis or negligence at delivery of a new baby; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [15322/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims on hand by the State Claims Agency in relation to late diagnosis and missed diagnosis in relation to failings in the cervical cancer screening programme; the number of cases settled; the amount paid out in claims to date; and the legal costs of the cases. — Michael McGrath. [15324/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Health if the new and revised general practitioner contract will recognise and resource general practitioners to meet the regulatory requirements, obligations and the duties of them to meet the general practitioner care needs of nursing home residents. — Carol Nolan. [15542/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the impact of a lack of funding for Cork Kerry Community Healthcare and that the known level of need exceeds the funding available resulting in a failure to meet the long-term needs of a number of persons that require residential services; his plans to address the funding shortfall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [14753/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions being made for a graveyard on a site (details supplied); if it will be part of the sale in process; if these sacred grounds will be preserved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14761/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Health if section 39 funding will be restored to a group (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [14762/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied). — Barry Cowen. [14765/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Health if home help will be sanctioned in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14767/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the podiatry department in UHK was closed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14777/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Health if an ENT appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14786/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14787/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Health if extended respite can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14791/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in 2019 of the 10% increase across all general practitioner visit card weekly income thresholds; and the estimated full year cost of same. — Stephen Donnelly. [14796/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in 2019 of the €10 reduction in the monthly drugs payment scheme threshold from €134 to €124; and the estimated full year cost of same. — Stephen Donnelly. [14797/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in 2019 of the reduction in prescription charges from €2 to €1.50 for all medical card holders over 70 years of age; and the estimated full year cost of same. — Stephen Donnelly. [14798/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Health the status of respite care, occupational therapy, home support and speech and language therapy appointments for a person (detailed supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14802/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Health when plans for the treatment of patients with lymphoedema will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [14806/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Health if a permanent transport solution will be provided for a person (details supplied) to and form a day care service which is vital for the well-being and health of the person; if a budgetary allowance will be provided to the HSE to provide this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [14819/19]

*262. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1262 of 15 January 2019, when a reply will issue from the HSE. — Pat Deering. [14823/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); the timeframe for the hip replacement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14824/19]

*264. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14825/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reject calls by an organisation (details supplied) to define a temporary absence of a pharmacist in view of the way in which this will affect trained pharmaceutical assistants; if he will investigate the damage this would cause to pharmacists in further view of the high number of trained pharmaceutical assistants working in the pharmacy network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [14826/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Health the supports in place for the parents of child with dyspraxia in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14864/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to upgrade the oncology department at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [14870/19]

*268. To ask the Minister for Health the progress regarding the provision of an aseptic compounding laboratory at University Hospital Kerry to assist the work of the oncology department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [14873/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Health the relationship between his Department and the HSE; the way in which the two organisations are linked; if he will provide a chart to outline the structure of the interrelationship; the level at which contact from his Department is channelled to and from the HSE; the way in which the structure through which information is passed from the HSE to his Department and vice versa; the way in which he receives accurate information from the frontline service providers within the HSE in terms of statistics, practices, feedback and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [14877/19]

*270. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE early years intervention services in Bray, County Wicklow are being moved from Bray health centre to Wicklow primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14878/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Health if approval will be given to affirming the role of art therapist as a designated post within community mental health teams in the context of section 9.2 of the national policy of A Vision for Change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [14893/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in hiring the necessary personnel at a healthcare centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14898/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Health the extra adult residential places that have been provided for adults with physical or intellectual disabilities each year since 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14899/19]

*274. To ask the Minister for Health his plans regarding the waiting lists for adults with disabilities trying to access long-term residential care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14900/19]

*275. To ask the Minister for Health the extra bed capacity provided in Cork city and county since 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14904/19]

*276. To ask the Minister for Health his views on reports that almost all the available funding allocated to the HSE for new medicines in 2019 has already been used; the steps he is taking to address inflated prices for life-saving new drugs from major drug companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [14910/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the transport support scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [14911/19]

*278. To ask the Minister for Health if he has examined the Health Sector National Staff Survey 2016 and National Ambulance Services Report January 2017 carried out by a company (details supplied); if so, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that 31% of respondents claimed discrimination in relation to their trade union activity; and the action taken to rectify this situation. — John McGuinness. [14913/19]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that 48% of respondents claimed to have experienced bullying and or harassment in the service within the previous two years of the Health Sector National Staff Survey 2016 and National Ambulance Services Report January 2017 being carried out; and the action he has taken to date to rectify the situation. — John McGuinness. [14914/19]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that 68% of respondents claimed to have witnessed bullying and or harassment in the service within the previous two years of the Health Sector National Staff Survey 2016 and National Ambulance Services Report January 2017 being carried out; and the action he has taken to date to rectify the situation. — John McGuinness. [14915/19]

*281. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether there may be a culture of bullying and or harassment within the National Ambulance Service. — John McGuinness. [14916/19]

*282. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that only 4% of staff have confidence in senior management within the National Ambulance Service. — John McGuinness. [14918/19]

*283. To ask the Minister for Health the action he plans to take in relation to the fact that only 5% of staff agree that communication between senior management and staff is effective in the National Ambulance Service. — John McGuinness. [14919/19]

*284. To ask the Minister for Health the actions taken by the National Ambulance Service in relation to the finding in the national staff survey that only 3% of staff agree that senior managers act on staff feedback. — John McGuinness. [14920/19]

*285. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the contents of the 2018 survey carried out by a company (details supplied) in relation to the National Ambulance Service has yet to be released to all staff; and if his attention has been further drawn to its content. — John McGuinness. [14921/19]

*286. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for the long-term appropriate care of a person (details supplied); if the person will be discharged into the care of an organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [14925/19]

*287. To ask the Minister for Health if an immediate long-term care plan will be put in place through CAMHS Kilkenny for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [14926/19]

*288. To ask the Minister for Health the status of progress in relation to the new child and adolescent mental health services centre in south County Wexford; the eTender details for the project; the proposed date for the opening of the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [14935/19]

*289. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to invest in a promised service in Longford as per 2019 estimates (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [14937/19]

*290. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for 6, 9, 12, 18, 24 and more than 36 months, respectively for primary care child psychology services by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [14942/19]

*291. To ask the Minister for Health if a hip replacement surgery will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [14943/19]

*292. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be admitted for treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [14944/19]

*293. To ask the Minister for Health the plans of the HSE to relocate a person (details supplied) to alternative sheltered supervised accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14947/19]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health if funding is still in place for the provision of additional cardiology posts at University Hospital Kerry; if this funding has been ring-fenced (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [14958/19]

*295. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be awarded a homecare package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [14959/19]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the appointment of two additional cardiologists for University Hospital Kerry and Cork University Hospital; the progress made since June 2018 to progress this (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [14960/19]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the decision not to make spinraza available to patients here now that a 28 day period has passed which allowed the drug company time to respond to the initial State decision and or provide further information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [14961/19]

*298. To ask the Minister for Health when the roof of a centre (details supplied) will be repaired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [14962/19]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health the status of information technology and associated fit-out plans for the new national children's hospital; the costs and configuration involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [14971/19]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Cork will be called for treatment. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [14973/19]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health if there are several medicinal cannabis licence holders that avail of a third party to collect and deliver their prescription to the licensed home address of the holder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [14975/19]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been progress in implementing the plan for effective participation in decision-making for persons with disabilities, launched in September 2018 under the Transforming Lives programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [14988/19]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a new scheme to replace the mobility allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [14990/19]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health if medical cards will cover the cost of batteries for hearing aids; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [14992/19]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health if the medical cards of persons (details supplied) will cover the cost of batteries for hearing aids; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [14995/19]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health if an outpatient clinic appointment will be arranged for a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [14998/19]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15004/19]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a recent medical card was withdrawn in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15005/19]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Cork will be called for an outpatient clinic appointment. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [15018/19]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health if respite care will be made available to a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [15020/19]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish a minor injuries unit at a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [15026/19]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a child (details supplied) can remain on the waiting list to be called for orthodontic assessment; if the child will remain on the waiting list once they have started secondary school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15033/19]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15034/19]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health if a child (details supplied) can be called for specific treatment at the earliest date possible. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [15066/19]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15071/19]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being made to increase the number of multiple sclerosis specialist nurses and neurologists here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [15088/19]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health the status of HSE equipment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15089/19]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for CAMHS services for an area (details supplied); the average waiting time; and his plans to address this. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15131/19]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the travel pass is excluded from the HSE LocalLink bus service bringing disabled persons to their day centres (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15134/19]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health if targets are being met regarding ambulance call out times in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15141/19]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the reason contracts for the provision of modular theatres at Merlin Park Hospital, Galway could not be executed; when it was established that the contracts could not be executed; when this tender process was begun; the costs incurred from the initiation

of the tender process to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15174/19]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the revised procurement strategy in relation to the provision of modular theatres for Merlin Park Hospital, Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15175/19]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health when it is expected that the modular theatres will be in situ and functioning at Merlin Park Hospital, Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15176/19]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement he has had with the Saolta University Health Care Group and the HSE in relation to the ongoing failure to provide operating theatres at Merlin Park Hospital, Galway since the closure in September 2017 of two operating theatres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15177/19]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a home help assistant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15180/19]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding can be made available to County Donegal to employ home help assistants to alleviate waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15181/19]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications that have been approved for the homecare package but are yet to receive allocated home help assistants in County Donegal since 1 January 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15182/19]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the details of a recent grant of €60,000 provided to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15222/19]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the need for respite services for adults with intellectual disability (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15225/19]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health if social work offices in Finglas, Dublin 11 are to be relocated to a premises on the North Circular Road. — Eamon Ryan. [15226/19]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect a required procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [15237/19]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment for consultation following general practitioner referral; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [15238/19]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health when a procedure will take place for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15239/19]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15246/19]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the provision of a cardiac catheterisation laboratory at Sligo University Hospital to cover the north-west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [15249/19]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is unable to work as a general practice nurse here following an absence from work following illness. — Robert Troy. [15261/19]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting for over four years for an appointment with the pain management clinic in Galway University Hospital in view of the fact that he stated in Parliamentary Question No. 149 of 27 February 2019 that the average waiting time is 246 days; the reason for the discrepancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15276/19]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure an increase in the rate of children presenting for the MMR vaccination; his plans to ensure that this is increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [15284/19]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15291/19]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) was awarded home help but will not receive it for three to four months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15292/19]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 25 of 13 March 2019, the strategy in place to achieve the objective of working towards a targeted minimum prescribing rate for biosimilars of 50%; if this is a mandatory target; the timeline to achieve the target; if he has engaged with all relevant stakeholders including prescribers, dispensers and suppliers of medicines to achieve the target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [15300/19]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times he and or his officials have met with the representative body of the generics industry here on the issue of medicine pricing in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [15301/19]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no national pricing agreement exists with the representative body for the generics industry here; when the last agreement expired; his plans to negotiate a new agreement with the industry to drive a more competitive medicine market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [15302/19]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 296 of 12 March 2019 and the response Ref 11599/19, the reason the question was referred to the hospital; the reason the response did not issue from him as requested (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [15313/19]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the projects included in the 2019 capital plan submitted to his Department. — Louise O'Reilly. [15325/19]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women on the gynaecology outpatient waiting list; the number awaiting surgery; the length of time each woman is waiting by six monthly intervals; the number of surgeries completed in each year since 2007, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [15327/19]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15330/19]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15331/19]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health the status of negotiations on the new general practitioner contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15351/19]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health if the care of a person (details supplied) who re-registered late with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15353/19]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for an ASD assessment with west Limerick Children Services; the number of children assessed to date in 2019 (details supplied); the expenditure in this area for 2019; his plans to bring improvements in the assessment process to reduce the time children have to wait to be assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [15375/19]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of his Departmental strategies or policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15391/19]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which his Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of his Department; the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15408/19]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which families are kept involved and informed when a family member enters mental health services (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [15423/19]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to make provision in regulations or law in order that pharmaceutical assistants that qualified before 1978 will be allowed to continue working as heretofore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15424/19]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide free IVF treatment to those that have a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15427/19]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health if respite care services will be provided in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15433/19]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the charging of medical card holders for the taking of bloods by general practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [15435/19]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the value to each hospital of the car parking charges system in tabular form; the amount raised from car parking charges if the system is under the hospital control; and the amount made in payment from a private operator if the system is privatised. — Louise O'Reilly. [15441/19]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the status of car parking charges systems in each hospital here which are run by the hospitals and private companies; the status of the contractual agreement with the private companies; and when these contracts lapse. — Louise O'Reilly. [15442/19]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has an operating language scheme in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003; and the date when such a scheme was introduced. — Dara Calleary. [15493/19]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical card application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [15500/19]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on an application by a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15501/19]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to publish the review of the system for setting up nursing home prices under the nursing home support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15502/19]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health if the new and revised general practitioner contract will recognise and resource general practitioners to meet regulatory requirements, obligations and the duties to meeting the general practitioner care needs of nursing home residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15503/19]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health when it is expected a new general practitioner contract will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15504/19]

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

*367. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 548 of 14 December 2017, the number of new entrants that commenced the green cert in 2017; the number of applications that were refused in 2017; the details of same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [14774/19]

*368. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if all possible alternatives were considered by Coillte before the decision was taken to use acetamiprid for the control of pine weevil in Coillte forests (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [14795/19]

*369. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which alleged animal discrepancies as identified during recent tuberculosis and brucellosis tests in the case of a person (details supplied) can be resolved in view of the fact that they have no knowledge of the way in

which the discrepancies might have occurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14810/19]

*370. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contingency steps being taken to limit the impact of a no-deal Brexit on the agriculture sector here. — Niamh Smyth. [14865/19]

*371. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the decision by the EU Commission and member states not to renew chlorothalonil; the impact this will have on the tillage sector here and farm incomes; the timeline for implementation of this decision; the viable alternatives to this substance that exist for tillage farmers; and the supports available for transitioning. — Charlie McConalogue. [14876/19]

*372. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the volume and value of Irish seafood exports in 2017 and 2018, in tabular form; the main fish species; the amount of exports to the UK in value and volume and as a percentage of total exports in 2017 and 2018; the number of persons employed in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [14881/19]

*373. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the volume and value of seafood imports in 2017 and 2018, in tabular form; the main fish species; the amount of imports from the UK in value and volume and as a percentage of total imports in 2017 and 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [14882/19]

*374. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the proposed EU directive (2018/0082(COD)) with regard to unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the food supply chain; the remaining stages to be approved at the EU Council; when the directive is expected to be published in the Official Journal of the European Union; and the transposition date for member states to implement same in domestic law. — Charlie McConalogue. [14885/19]

*375. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the figures for the export of beef to China over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [14928/19]

*376. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the final payment of the 2018 GLAS payment will be made available to farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14969/19]

*377. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current and proposed Brexit support schemes for farmers; and the current take-up in tabular form. — Lisa Chambers. [15007/19]

*378. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has conducted a regional analysis of the impact of a hard Brexit; and if so, the details of same. — Lisa Chambers. [15008/19]

*379. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the marine sector post-Brexit if no agreement is reached; his contingency plans for fish producers and fish processors with emphasis on the arrangements which are provisionally agreed and are to be put in place should such a scenario arise in the weeks ahead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [15045/19]

*380. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contingency support package he has put in place for the marine sector; if Ireland's EU partners have agreed this package in a post-Brexit situation; the additional measures which have been considered should a no-deal Brexit occur; if funding for this package will be additional to existing committed funding under the present EU support programmes; if he is satisfied that all necessary preparatory work for Brexit and the marine sector here have been considered and are provisionally ready should Brexit occur within the next number of months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [15046/19]

*381. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when works are to commence on the Killybegs Harbour project; the duration of the project; the timeline for its completion; the full extent of the works being proposed as part of the current phase of works sanctioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [15047/19]

*382. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of processors or exporters that have permission to export Irish beef to China; the number of applications to export beef to China under review; the main reasons for those applications being held up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [15057/19]

*383. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if follow-up recommendations were received by his Department regarding a matter (details supplied); his plans to remove the tanks in the near future; the other information relating to the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15058/19]

*384. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a person (details supplied) can opt out under force majeure of the beef genomic scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15061/19]

*385. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the current named licence holder of the Irish Sport Horse and Irish Draught Horse studbooks is Horse Sport Ireland and not a society (details supplied); the expiry dates of these licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [15067/19]

*386. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the public and EU tender process that will apply to the granting of a new licence renewal of the Irish Sport Horse and Draught Horse studbooks; his plans to apply a licence fee (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [15068/19]

*387. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Horse Sport Ireland has the right or otherwise to veto the transfer of the Irish Sport Horse and Draught Horse Studbooks to another party; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [15069/19]

*388. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to use of white wolves by a circus (details supplied) currently touring the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [15194/19]

*389. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the EU Commission has raised concerns with his Department regarding the establishment of a border inspection post at Rosslare Europort; if so, the nature of these concerns; the anticipated timeline of works related to the border inspection post there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [15205/19]

*390. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the legislation in place to protect trees and to cease tree felling on private lands during bird nesting periods; if the removal of trees during redevelopment requires planning permission; the steps he is taking to greatly increase tree cover in rural and urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [15277/19]

*391. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider matters (details supplied) in relation to beef farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15315/19]

*392. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of court prosecutions initiated by the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the result of each of these court cases; the number and values of fines issued in each year; the value of fines collected each year; the value of fines still outstanding in respect of these prosecutions; the arrangements in place to collect the outstanding fines; if he will provide an age analysis of these outstanding fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15336/19]

*393. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of court prosecutions initiated by his Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the result of each of these court cases; the number and values of fines issued in each year; the value of fines collected each year; the value of fines still outstanding in respect of these prosecutions; the arrangements in place to collect the outstanding fines; if he will provide an age analysis of these outstanding fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15345/19]

*394. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of his Departmental strategies or policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15381/19]

*395. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which his Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of his Department; the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15398/19]

*396. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the maximum grant available under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund sustainable aquaculture scheme has been increased to €1 million; if so, the date from which this is operable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15428/19]

*397. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has an operating language scheme in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003; and the date when such a scheme was introduced. — Dara Calleary. [15483/19]

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

*398. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he discussed the roll out of 5G technology and the use of a company (details supplied) during his St. Patrick's Day visit to Canada. — Niall Collins. [14869/19]

*399. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to introduce a domestic waste collection waiver or rebate for those full-time carers caring for family members that are doubly incontinent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14931/19]

*400. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to a working group established to consider introducing a domestic waste collection waiver or rebate for those full-time carers caring for family members that are doubly incontinent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14932/19]

*401. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of electric vehicle charging points available by county in tabular form; the number of electric vehicle charging points which are expected to be rolled out by county in 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [14985/19]

*402. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when electric chargers for electric cars will be back up and running in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15006/19]

*403. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will address a matter with regard to fishing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15055/19]

*404. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the annual cost for the purchase of emissions allowances for each year that such allowances have been purchased in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15090/19]

*405. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position in relation to the promised €75 annual support towards domestic waste charges for persons that have lifelong or long-term medical incontinence; when this will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [14822/19]

*406. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to introduce a domestic waste collection waiver or rebate for those full-time carers caring for family members that are doubly incontinent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14933/19]

*407. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to a working group established to consider introducing a domestic waste collection waiver or rebate for those full-time carers caring for family members that are doubly incontinent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14934/19]

*408. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are long delays in applications for the SEAI home energy grants; his plans to make additional funding available to the scheme in order to increase the number of contractors involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [14977/19]

*409. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if it is planned to extend high speed fibre broadband to St. John's Point, Dunkineely, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14983/19]

*410. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if it is planned to extend high speed fibre broadband to Ballycroy, Dunkineely, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14984/19]

*411. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when fibre broadband will be rolled out in a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15136/19]

*412. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when a waiver will be issued for persons with disabilities and incontinence issues in regard to waste bills; and the reason persons are still waiting since the announcement of June 2017 for this introduction. — Sean Sherlock. [15158/19]

*413. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the Programme for Partnership Government commitment on broadband. — Michael Moynihan. [15118/19]

*414. 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. — Lisa Chambers. [15278/19]

*415. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he is taking to examine the potential for new support programmes such as deep retrofit to encourage home investment in certain energy efficient measures and systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [15285/19]

*416. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to test low cost finance models and to identify and refine those best suited to consumer needs in order to increase the uptake of home energy investment with finance being one of the main barriers to energy efficiency investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [15286/19]

*417. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he is taking to provide the necessary supports to help homeowners undertake home retrofits in order to prevent application abandonment for energy efficient grant schemes and to increase the uptake of home retrofits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [15288/19]

*418. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will address a matter in relation to the nationwide ban on fossil fuels (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15328/19]

*419. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of court prosecutions initiated by An Post in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the result of each of these court cases; the number and values of fines issued in each year; the value of fines collected each year; the value of fines still outstanding in respect of these prosecutions; the arrangements in place to collect the outstanding fines; if he will provide an age analysis of these outstanding fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15344/19]

*420. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of court prosecutions initiated by ESB Network Limited in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the result of each of these court cases; the number and values of fines issued in each year; the value of

finest collected each year; the value of fines still outstanding in respect of these prosecutions; the arrangements in place to collect the outstanding fines; if he will provide an age analysis of these outstanding fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15347/19]

*421. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of his Departmental strategies or policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15384/19]

*422. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which his Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of his Department; the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15401/19]

*423. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his Department has an operating language scheme in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003; and the date when such a scheme was introduced. — Dara Calleary. [15486/19]

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

*424. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the national policy in terms of parking electric vehicles during recharging; and if local authorities are within their rights to charge parking fees for cars which are charging in designated spaces. — Robert Troy. [14794/19]

*425. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will proactively ensure the prosperity of Shannon Airport and the mid-west region in view of Brexit and other challenges faced by the Airport. — Michael Harty. [15437/19]

*426. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has raised the issue of the ownership of Rosslare Europort with his UK counterpart; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [14724/19]

*427. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the average waiting time at the NDLS centre in Trim, County Meath in 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [14763/19]

*428. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to concerns expressed by numerous service users of the NDLS centre in Trim, County Meath regarding the long waiting times they are facing when attending the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [14764/19]

*429. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding requested by Louth County Council in 2018 to support the development of the northern port access route in Drogheda, County Louth; the criteria laid down to qualify for such capital funding; the reason the funding application from Louth County Council was unsuccessful; his to fund the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [14768/19]

*430. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Athy train station will become a staffless station; and if so, his plans to ensure that assistance is provided to persons that need it to alight and disembark trains. — Seán Crowe. [14776/19]

*431. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures in place to ensure that UK driver licences are recognised here in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14809/19]

*432. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to manage the identified noise issues and effects in Ongar, Dublin 15 deriving from changes in flight paths in and around Dublin Airport; his plans to prevent and reduce environmental noise in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [14813/19]

*433. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he met with a person (details supplied) on 12 July 2017; if so, the minutes for the meeting; if other persons were present; the issues that were discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [14888/19]

*434. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he met with a person (details supplied) on 20 October 2017; if so, the minutes for the meeting; if other persons were present; the issues that were discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [14889/19]

*435. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he met with persons (details supplied) on 2 March 2017; if so, the minutes of the meeting; if other person were present; the issues that were discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [14890/19]

*436. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he met representatives from Sport Ireland on 2 June 2017; if so, the minutes of the meeting; the names of the persons that were present; the issues that were discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [14891/19]

*437. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of home and away Republic of Ireland soccer matches at all levels and categories he has attended since he assumed office; if an organisation (details supplied) has incurred costs regarding his attendance at matches here or abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [14892/19]

*438. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the report on the revised MetroLink route will be published; the expected timetable to complete a metro from Swords and Dublin Airport to O'Connell Street; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [14905/19]

*439. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the key road traffic legislation apart from section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 and statutory instruments which indicate the speed limits which may be specified currently in by-laws; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [14906/19]

*440. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he will publish the national freight policy. — Robert Troy. [14941/19]

*441. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he will announce successful applicants under the sports capital fund allocation for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [14957/19]

*442. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the impact that the BusConnects policy will have regarding the restriction of traffic flow and access to the area of the national children's hospital have been given due consideration; if local residents objections to BusConnects have been noted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14972/19]

*443. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of times to date in the past three years the Minister of State with special responsibility for Tourism and Sport has met directly with a person, an organisation and their representatives (details supplied); if he will supply a schedule of those meetings; the nature of those meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [15132/19]

*444. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will redirect the funding that would have been used for the remainder of Metro south to bring forward the timeline for delivery of Metro west from Blanchardstown to Tallaght via Clondalkin (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [15139/19]

*445. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timelines and indicative costs for transport projects (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [15144/19]

*446. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 45 of 29 January 2019, if he has discussed the ownership of Rosslare Europort with his British counterpart; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [9439/19]

*447. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extra preparations he plans to make to facilitate persons and materials travelling through the Port of Cork in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9744/19]

*448. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extra preparations he plans to make to facilitate persons and materials travelling through Cork Airport in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9745/19]

*449. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will request statistics from the rail accident investigation unit with regard to the number of accidents for each year since 2009 involving collisions between trains, cars, and pedestrians at level crossings on the heavy rail system in tabular form; if the type of crossing, the location and the accident category can be defined (details supplied) in terms of the occurrence reported to the European Rail Agency; if the required recommendations were acted upon in a timely manner to prevent such accidents from reoccurring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [15188/19]

*450. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if volunteer coastguard rescue technicians were consulted prior to the Irish Coast Guard issuing a recent tender for lifejacket replacements and cliff climbing equipment; and if not, the reason. — Clare Daly. [15196/19]

*451. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which he plans to treat drivers with UK licences or licences that are approved by the UK (details supplied) in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [15242/19]

*452. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he expects low carbon emission buses to be operational in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [15289/19]

*453. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the introduction of intelligent speed apparatus (details supplied); his views on such a measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [15290/19]

*454. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of recommendations the rail accident investigations unit has made in relation to non-automated rail crossing points; if all the recommendations made in its reports since 2008 have been fully implemented to prevent the recurrence of further accidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [15293/19]

*455. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the obligations on the DAA to respond to reports of noise made by residents living in the environs of Dublin Airport to the relevant DAA phone number further to reports that no responses have been received from residents making noise complaints since January 2019; the obligations in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15311/19]

*456. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of court prosecutions initiated by the Commission for Aviation Regulation in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the result of each of these court cases; the number and values of fines issued in each year; the value of fines collected each year; the value of fines still outstanding in respect of these prosecutions; the arrangements in place to collect the outstanding fines; if he will provide an age analysis of these outstanding fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15338/19]

*457. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of court prosecutions initiated by the Commission for Taxi Regulation in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the result of each of these court cases; the number and values of fines issued in each year; the value of fines collected each year; the value of fines still outstanding in respect of these prosecutions; the arrangements in place to collect the outstanding fines; if he will provide an age analysis of these outstanding fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15341/19]

*458. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of court prosecutions initiated by the Road Safety Authority in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the result of each of these court cases; the number and values of fines issued in each year; the value of fines collected each year; the value of fines still outstanding in respect of these prosecutions; the arrangements in place to collect the outstanding fines; if he will provide an age analysis of these outstanding fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15343/19]

*459. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of court prosecutions initiated by the National Transport Authority in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the result of each of these court cases; the number and values of fines issued in each year; the value of fines collected each year; the value of fines still outstanding in respect of these prosecutions; the arrangements in place to collect the outstanding fines; if he will provide an age analysis of these outstanding fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15349/19]

*460. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a company (details supplied) is in receipt of and entitled to receive State subsidies and or subsidies from the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [15374/19]

*461. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of his Departmental strategies or policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15397/19]

*462. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which his Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of his Department; the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15414/19]

*463. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he has continued to evaluate rural transport requirements with a view to bringing transport to persons rather than forcing persons to converge on towns and villages as the population increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15449/19]

*464. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans being advanced to combat the traffic congestion on the M50 route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15450/19]

*465. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent of proposed augmentation and investment in rail services over the next five years with particular reference to the extent that services can be tailored to meet the ongoing travel requirements of commuters such as identifying the way in which rail services in general can meet the demands of medium to middle distance commuters from towns and villages outside the greater Dublin area thereby alleviating road traffic congestion and reducing travel times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15451/19]

*466. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for investment in rail services over the next five years including extensions to services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15452/19]

*467. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he expects to develop facilities at ports and airports in order to enhance access to the European Union and the global community in the aftermath of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15453/19]

*468. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he continues to liaise with the various sporting organisations with a view to facilitating the use of Ireland as a venue for worldwide competitions in sport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15454/19]

*469. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he is making provision for the eventuality of Brexit with particular reference to its implications for air and sea travel in view of the necessity to ensure easy travel access to continental Europe for Irish customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15455/19]

*470. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he has studied the weakest links in the transport system nationally; his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15456/19]

*471. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he can identify options for the promotion of tourism here during the off-season with particular reference to the need to compete with other countries and locations in the same or alternative markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15457/19]

*472. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which opportunities for niche tourism are being explored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15458/19]

*473. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his Department has an operating language scheme in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003; and the date when such a scheme was introduced. — Dara Calleary. [15499/19]

*474. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Wild Atlantic Way route review being undertaken by a company (details supplied); the progress being made to include the entire route of the Seven Heads Peninsula as proposed in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15210/19]

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

*475. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will address concerns of a not-for-profit childcare forum (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15009/19]

*476. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a qualification (details supplied) will be accepted to work under the new affordable childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConologue. [15062/19]

*477. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the case of a child (details supplied) will be addressed. — Tom Neville. [15156/19]

*478. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a preschool (details supplied) will be included in the latest funding programme from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15183/19]

*479. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if social work offices in Ballymun, Dublin 11 are to be relocated to a premises on the North Circular Road. — Eamon Ryan. [15227/19]

*480. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when she expects a refuge (details supplied) to reopen; if the refuge will reopen as a domestic violence refuge; if it is to be used by the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive as emergency homeless accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [15265/19]

*481. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the serious negative impact the Pobal compliance visit report is having on a crèche (details supplied); if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that it has undertaken contracts with parents in good faith but due to direction from Pobal it is being asked to deregister or re-register children; her views on the fact that this is having serious financial implications culminating in a loss of over €10,000; if her attention has been drawn to the needs and social challenges of marginalised families and of staffing obligations; if she has reviewed the Pobal report concerned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [15266/19]

*482. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on whether the proposed new affordable childcare scheme will negatively impact on some crèches, including a crèche (details supplied); her further views on whether the new proposals will negatively impact both on the funding for the crèche in addition to on parents and employment practices; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the grant system accounts for 78% of the total grants fund from Pobal but the incoming system will only fund contact hours not full-time or part-time categories as it is at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [15267/19]

*483. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the outcome of a community childcare subvention compliance visit to a service (details supplied) has resulted in a reduction of approximately €100,00 in funding for the service after appeals; if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that this centre provides a flexible service for children from a marginalised community; her views on whether criticism from the service that the forensic approach taken by the inspection regime regarding attendance and absenteeism was unfair and no consideration was given to the particular challenges faced by some of those using the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [15268/19]

*484. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when the report on the issue of over overage exemptions under the ECCE produced by the National Disability Authority will be published; the actions being considered arising from this report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [15271/19]

*485. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the anomaly by which a child with special needs that wishes to avail of a third year of preschool privately finds themselves left without the ability to secure SNA assistance in view of the fact they are paying privately; the options available to remedy such a situation in which a child that has not reached primary school age but has already availed of the two free ECCE preschool years with AIM supports can continue to avail of SNA supports while paying privately for preschool; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [15272/19]

*486. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 262 of 27 March 2019, the reason this information is not collated centrally by Tusla (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [15299/19]

*487. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of her Departmental strategies or policies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15383/19]

*488. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way in which her Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of her Department; the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15400/19]

*489. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the mechanisms she has put in place to enable the collaborative forum of former residents of mother and baby homes and related institutions to facilitate the active participation of former residents in recommending actions and solutions to address their concerns including those issues raised in the reports of the facilitated meetings and the cross-border movement of children from homes and institutions here. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15444/19]

*490. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the mechanisms she has put in place to enable the collaborative forum of former residents of mother and baby homes and related institutions have a role in monitoring the implementation of measures designed to support former residents. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15445/19]

*491. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her Department has an operating language scheme in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003; and the date when such a scheme was introduced. — Dara Calleary. [15485/19]

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

*492. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the review of the community services programme. — Dara Calleary. [14781/19]

*493. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applications to the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme by measure 1, 2 and 3; the number of successful and unsuccessful project applicants, respectively; and the value of funding approved for projects by county and measure in each of the years 2016 to 2018, in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [14782/19]

*494. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount allocated to each local authority and LDC under the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme in each of the years 2016 to 2018; the amount paid to each local authority and LDC to date based on latest information for each allocation; the amount paid out to date as a percentage allocated to each local authority and LDC in each such year based on latest data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [14783/19]

*495. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of each local authority that has and has not, respectively mapped local mobile phone blackspots to date in tabular form; the number of blackspots identified by local authority; and the funding and guidance supports available to local authorities to map same. — Dara Calleary. [14784/19]

*496. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applications made by each local authority to the digital innovation programme since established on an annual basis in tabular form; the number of applications made by each local authority to the programme that were approved and not approved, respectively; the amount of funding allocated to approved applications in each local authority annually; and the amount of approved funding that has been expended in each year. — Dara Calleary. [14785/19]

*497. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to review the CLÁR areas based on the 2016 census returns; the timeline for the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [15208/19]

*498. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will consider additional funding for regional advocacy services for a society (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [15209/19]

*499. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when details of the 2019 town and village renewal scheme will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15355/19]

*500. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of his Departmental strategies or policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15395/19]

*501. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which his Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of his Department; the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15412/19]

*502. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount approved by each LAG to date for projects under the Leader programme; the amount spent to date on projects by each LAG; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15432/19]

*503. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress made with regard to the implementation of the Action Plan for Rural Development to date; and when the next progress report will issue. — Dara Calleary. [15482/19]

*504. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his Department has an operating language scheme in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003; and the date on which such a scheme was introduced. — Dara Calleary. [15497/19]

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

*505. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the allowance for adults in direct provision from €38.80 per week to €40, €42, €43, €44 and €45 respectively in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14725/19]

*506. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the allowance for children in direct provision from €29.80 to €31, €32, €33, €34 and €35, respectively in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14726/19]

*507. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing payments (details supplied) by €5 and €10, respectively in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14727/19]

*508. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the fuel allowance by one, two, three and four weeks, respectively in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14728/19]

*509. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year expenditure on the household benefits package; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14729/19]

*510. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing rent supplement limits by on average 10%; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14730/19]

*511. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the qualified child increase by €2, €3, €4 and €5, respectively in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14732/19]

*512. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing expenditure on the school meals programme by 5%, 10%, 15% and 20%, respectively in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14733/19]

*513. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the annual expenditure on the Low Pay Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14734/19]

*514. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing maternity benefit from 26 weeks to 30 and 34 weeks, respectively for those that have had multiple births; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14735/19]

*515. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of paying a double child benefit payment to parents on the birth of a child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14736/19]

*516. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of equalising jobseeker payments for those under 26 years of age to the standard rate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14737/19]

*517. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of advocates in the National Advocacy Service for People with Disabilities; the estimated full year cost of increasing the number of advocates by 5%, 10%, 15% and 20%, respectively in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14738/19]

*518. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of introducing two weeks paid bereavement leave at a rate of €203 per week per parent that have been bereaved of a child under 18 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14739/19]

*519. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of reducing the hours required to qualify for the working family payment from 19 to 15 hours for lone parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14740/19]

*520. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of allowing lone parents in employment whose children are aged between 7 and 14 years of age to receive both the jobseeker’s transition payment and the working family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14741/19]

*521. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of extending the jobseeker’s transitional payment for lone parents until their youngest child reaches 18 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14742/19]

*522. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the earnings disregard for the jobseeker's transitional payment by €10, €15, €20 and €25, respectively in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [14743/19]

*523. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the earnings disregard for the one parent family payment by €10, €15, €20 and €25, respectively in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [14744/19]

*524. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the week hours a carer can work or study whilst receiving carer's allowance, carer's benefit or the carer support grant from 15 to 18.5 hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [14745/19]

*525. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of extending the free travel scheme for children in receipt of the domiciliary care allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [14746/19]

*526. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the income disregard for carer's allowance from €332.50 for a single person and €665 for a couple to €450 and €900, respectively in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [14747/19]

*527. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason illness benefit payments are not correct in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14752/19]

*528. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason Turas Nua is engaging with a person (details supplied) a year after they had secured employment; her views on the approach of Turas Nua to dealing with the person; the reason an appointment with the person was recently cancelled with a hours notice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [14756/19]

*529. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a couple with savings of €40,000 are means tested for jobseeker's allowance; and if they would be entitled to full payment. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14758/19]

*530. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a pension rate for a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14799/19]

*531. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for a disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14811/19]

*532. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will review eligibility for a carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14821/19]

*533. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 304 and 305 of 5 December 2018, the latest costings for the proposals regarding the scheme in question over a full calendar year. — Charlie McConalogue. [14886/19]

*534. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person on jobseeker's allowance can continue to pay into a private pension scheme they enrolled in while in full-time employment; and if the pension value is regarded as means even though the person has no access to those funds until the pension has matured. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14887/19]

*535. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans for legislation to outlaw bogus self-employment practices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [14896/19]

*536. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when invalidity pension arrears will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14897/19]

*537. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that received a letter from her Department advising them of the recalculation of their State pension rate; and the number of persons that received a letter seeking additional information as part of the recalculation of their State pension rate in tabular form. — John Brady. [14952/19]

*538. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons having their State pension rate recalculated; the number of these cases which have been finalised to date; the number of new payment rates that have been issued including arrears; the number of recalculations to be finalised; and the number of cases in which the additional information sought is to be received in tabular form. — John Brady. [14953/19]

*539. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the composition of the new State pension review section; the number of staff deployed to the section; and her plans to increase the number. — John Brady. [14954/19]

*540. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of State pension recipients that have submitted the additional information sought as part of the recalculation of their State pension through the online mechanism. — John Brady. [14955/19]

*541. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if applications for carer's allowance IQC payments for foster children are linked to child benefit payments; if so, the reason therefor; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14963/19]

*542. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if carer's allowance IQC payments relating to foster children are paid from the date of application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14964/19]

*543. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a client participating with JobPath secures a place on a community employment scheme if JobPath is paid for this placement; if a client on both JobPath and community employment secures employment, if JobPath is paid for this placement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [14966/19]

*544. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will reduce the entry age to community employment schemes to 19 years of age to align with the age in which persons are referred to JobPath; her views on whether in doing so community employment schemes would have no difficulty in filling places and will give younger persons a greater chance to gain training and valuable work experience at an early age to enable them to obtain permanent employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [14967/19]

*545. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address matters (details supplied) regarding the interdepartmental review of community employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [14968/19]

*546. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on whether the current review of community employment is a way of culling community employment scheme numbers (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to the fact that changes to the current structure would further marginalise these groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [14970/19]

*547. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a carer's allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14976/19]

*548. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [14991/19]

*549. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of reviews conducted and completed to date in respect of the changes made to the contributory pension in 2012; the number of outstanding reviews that remain to be conducted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [14993/19]

*550. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of rent supplement by county; the number that have had their payment increased over the prescribed limits in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [14994/19]

*551. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the review of pensions affected by the 2012 contributory pensions changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [14996/19]

*552. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to extend the child benefit payment to children that turn 18 years of age and are in full-time secondary school education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [14997/19]

*553. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made in respect of an application for a working family payment by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [15003/19]

*554. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for domiciliary care allowance by a person (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [15065/19]

*555. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will provide for a free travel pass for children in receipt of domiciliary care allowance in view of the numerous medical appointments they may have to travel to attend; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [15171/19]

*556. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the case of a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that it is June 2017 since an application was lodged. — Tom Neville. [15179/19]

*557. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for the extraordinary investigative process applied in the case of a person (details supplied); if a full evaluation of their case can be undertaken as a matter of urgency with a view to clarification; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15189/19]

*558. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a disability payment will be reinstated for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15191/19]

*559. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which consideration has been given to awarding a State pension to those currently disallowed on the basis of insufficient contributions; if they can be accommodated by retrospective purchase of contributions in view of the need to ensure natural justice to such persons and their obvious entitlement to a pro rata payment in line with the extent of their contributions; the estimated cost of a refund of contributions to all those affected in such circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15192/19]

*560. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the rate of old age contributory pension a person (details supplied) would be entitled to will be reviewed. — Tom Neville. [15193/19]

*561. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a domiciliary care allowance application by a person (details supplied). — Tom Neville. [15241/19]

*562. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a review of the domiciliary care allowance has been conducted; and if age thresholds will be revised. — Clare Daly. [15250/19]

*563. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when she expects paper forms to be available for use by those in receipt of reduced contributory pensions post-2012 that have been unable to complete the online review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [15254/19]

*564. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the average time required to process means tested applications for various social welfare entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [15255/19]

*565. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding a working family payment for a person (details supplied) in County Kildare. — Sean Sherlock. [15263/19]

*566. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will consider extending associated social welfare benefits such as the fuel allowance and so on to those in receipt of partial capacity benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [15273/19]

*567. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the implementation of the Gender Recognition Act 2015 review; when legislation will be published based on the recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15295/19]

*568. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the review of the pilot scheme of the social welfare scheme for artists; when the review findings will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15296/19]

*569. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of carers that received the carer's support grant automatically in 2018; the number of applications received for the grant; and the number of grants approved and rejected, respectively in tabular form. — John Brady. [15321/19]

*570. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of court prosecutions initiated by the Office of an tArd-Chlárálitheoir (Civil Registration Act 2004) in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the result of each of these court cases; the number and values of fines issued in each year; the value of fines collected each year; the value of fines still outstanding in respect of these prosecutions; the arrangements in place to collect the outstanding fines; if she will provide an age analysis of these outstanding fines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15342/19]

*571. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of her Departmental strategies or policies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15388/19]

*572. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which her Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of her Department; the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15405/19]

*573. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of cases that have been reviewed under the new total contributions approach method for assessing pensioners that became eligible for the State pension after September 2012; the number of such cases in which the payment has increased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15431/19]

*574. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the correct level of illness benefit payable in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15459/19]

*575. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her Department has an operating language scheme in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003; and the date when such a scheme was introduced. — Dara Calleary. [15490/19]

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

*576. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of houses in the housing stock of each local authority that have benefitted from energy efficiency retrofits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [15287/19]

*577. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of local authority dwellings demolished in 2018 under Department approved schemes by local authority. — Darragh O'Brien. [14748/19]

*578. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons and families on HAP by county in tabular form; the average payment by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14766/19]

*579. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of exemptions issued under the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2018, SI No. 30 of 2018, since its introduction by county in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [14793/19]

*580. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if an application by Westmeath County Council for adequate funding for a group sewerage scheme (details supplied) will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [14808/19]

*581. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of actions planned in relation to the sunken pontoon at Kenmare Pier, County Kerry. — Charlie McConalogue. [14884/19]

*582. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of voids that are in Cork city and county still awaiting repair since 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14901/19]

*583. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons waiting to be housed in Cork city and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14903/19]

*584. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the drawdown of local authority home improvement loans; his views on whether supplementary funding should be provided for this purpose in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [14907/19]

*585. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if emergency legislation will be introduced to enable Dublin City Council to meet even its modest social housing targets in view of the numbers in council homeless accommodation and on housing lists in early 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [14908/19]

*586. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of improvement notices issued by each local authority as a result of non-compliance with minimum

standards for rental accommodation as prescribed in the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2017 in each of the years 2015 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [14999/19]

*587. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of prohibition notices issued by each local authority pursuant to section 18B(1) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1992 in each of the years 2015 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [15000/19]

*588. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the percentage of rented units registered with the RTB in each local authority that were deemed non-compliant with minimum standards for rental accommodation as prescribed in the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2017 following inspection in each of the years 2015 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [15001/19]

*589. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of rented units that were deemed not compliant with minimum standards for rental accommodation as prescribed in the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2017 and which did not achieve compliance via follow-up inspection in each local authority in each of the years 2015 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [15002/19]

*590. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of HAP recipients benefiting from discretionary payment increases by county; the number of homeless HAP recipients benefiting from discretionary payments; the average increase per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [15096/19]

*591. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the HAP discretionary payment is exempt from rent pressure zone criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [15097/19]

*592. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1408 and 1409 of 26 March 2019, the number of these applications for loans which have been approved and which have been drawn down in the same time period. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15128/19]

*593. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if full account will be taken of the submission on the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2018, from an association (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15178/19]

*594. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if additional funding will be provided for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme to Cork County Council; when this will be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Murphy. [15197/19]

*595. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the ranking of a person on the list will be affected when Cork City Council takes over the waiting list for approved disabled persons grant applications on local authority properties; the measures in place to ensure that persons will not be disadvantaged by virtue of the boundary change between city and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Murphy. [15224/19]

*596. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to introduce a housing loan scheme for non first-time buyers that find themselves in changed circumstances such as marriage separation or ill health and had to sell their home but now deserve to be given a chance to purchase a home and are unable to obtain a housing loan from one of the commercial lending institutions; and if his attention has been drawn to the large number of persons finding themselves in this situation. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [15228/19]

*597. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if it is planned that directly elected mayors will be afforded to other towns particularly to towns that had former borough councils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [15280/19]

*598. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address matters (details supplied) in relation to fire appliances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15303/19]

*599. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address matters in relation to an aerial appliance (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15304/19]

*600. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to reverse the cutbacks to the housing adaptation grants for older persons and persons with a disability schemes; if adequate finances will be provided to county councils to fund the housing grants schemes for 2019; the allocation in respect of housing adaptations grants for older persons and persons with a disability for each year since 2015 to the most recent allocation to Sligo, Leitrim, Roscommon and Donegal county councils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [15312/19]

*601. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding provided to each local authority for the allocation of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; the number of loans provided in each local authority area, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [15350/19]

*602. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when discussions regarding further funding for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [15352/19]

*603. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of his Departmental strategies or policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15392/19]

*604. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which his Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of his Department; the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15409/19]

*605. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the consideration of a protected disclosure (details supplied) will be completed; the reason this consideration and

investigation has taken so long; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15429/19]

*606. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when new rural housing guidelines arising as a result of the Flemish Decree will be published; his plans to have a public consultation on draft guidelines before adopting them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15430/19]

*607. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to change the tenant purchase scheme for local authority houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [15448/19]

*608. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his Department has an operating language scheme in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003; and the date when such a scheme was introduced. — Dara Calleary. [15494/19]

*609. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to reopen a scheme (details supplied) which could enable the completion of more dwelling houses in cooperation with local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15506/19]

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

*610. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her Department’s role in the planned convention centre in Cork; if officials from her Department have attended meetings on same since it was announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14829/19]

*611. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the role her Department has had in finding a solution to the funding of the convention centre in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14837/19]

*612. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she has met with the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to discuss the delays in the convention centre in Cork; if so, the items that were discussed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14841/19]

*613. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to the fact that Cork City Council may be providing a loan to assist the commencement of the Cork convention centre; if this will come from central funds or unspent moneys in its allocation; the way in which the loan will be set up; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14845/19]

*614. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the way in which the Cork convention centre will be progressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14849/19]

*615. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she or her officials were consulted regarding the way in which the contracts for the Cork convention centre were drawn up; if contracts will be renewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14853/19]

*616. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the role her officials have had in relation to the convention centre in Cork since it was first announced in 2014 in tabular form or otherwise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14857/19]

*617. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if there is a financial allocation from her Department being allocated to the Cork convention centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [14861/19]

*618. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question No. 222 of 7 March 2019, the scheme operated by her Department from which each previous scheme (details supplied) was subsumed in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [14778/19]

*619. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of participants annually in the Gaeltacht housing grant scheme in the three years prior to it being suspended. — Dara Calleary. [14779/19]

*620. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on the present open season for duck shooting and hunting; her further views on whether opening the season on 1 September is appropriate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15159/19]

*621. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on the proposed plan for the Clonshaugh sewage plant greater Dublin drainage project which will see an outfall pipe located off the coast of Portmarnock near Ireland's Eye bird sanctuary and special area of conservation in north County Dublin; her further views on whether the pumping of this wastewater into feeding grounds of vulnerable seabird species is in keeping with the EU Birds Directive; if she has raised concerns regarding the matter with the Ministers for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment and or Housing, Planning and Local Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [15269/19]

*622. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans for the reintroduction of the Irish hare to the North Bull Island special area of conservation from which Dublin City Council reports they are all but extinct; the further measures which will be taken to protect the species on the island; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [15270/19]

*623. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to complete the work of her predecessor in the banning of the sale of the activity of hunting woodcock here (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [15275/19]

*624. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to save a building (details supplied) from destruction. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [15329/19]

*625. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her Department has undertaken procurement processes in relation to consultancy agencies media or otherwise to assist it with formulating or contributing to policy messaging on social media or videos on behalf of her Departmental strategies or policies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15385/19]

*626. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the way in which her Departmental officials have been contributing to and taking part in Government of Ireland social media messages; the way in which they are coordinated in each of the policy areas of her

Department; the Department that is the lead Department in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15402/19]

*627. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil sé i gceist aici líon na scoláireachtaí atá ar fáil do scoláirí le freastal ar mheánscoileanna ar na hoileáin a mhéadú go dtí os cionn 30 má bhíonn éileamh ar sin; mura bhfuil, cén chúis atá leis sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15425/19]

*628. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén dul chun cinn atá déanta le pleananna teanga na gcúig Líonra Gaeilge; cad iad na foinsí maoinithe atá aitheanta chun cur i bhfeidhm na bpleananna sin a mhaoiniú, idir thuaidh agus theas; cé mhéad airgid in aghaidh na bliana a chuirfear ar fáil chun na pleananna a chur i bhfeidhm; cathain a bhfuiltear ag súil leis go ndéanfar na pleananna sin a cheadú; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [15460/19]

*629. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the discussions she or her officials have with the Minister for Education and Skills, An Foras Pátrúnachta and An Coimisinéir Teanga regarding the way in which parental preferences for Irish medium education can be further reflected in future patronage processes; and the number of meetings she has had with each one of these offices since becoming Minister on this issue in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [15481/19]

*630. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her Department has an operating language scheme in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003; and the date when such a scheme was introduced. — Dara Calleary. [15487/19]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADAON, 3 AIBREÁN, 2019
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL, 2019**

Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach.

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

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plans for a citizens' assembly on gender equality. — Brendan Howlin. [11858/19]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plans for a citizens' assembly on gender equality. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12013/19]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plans for a citizens' assembly on gender equality. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15044/19]

5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the issues he raised at the European Council on 21 and 22 March 2019. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10925/19]

6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the March 2019 EU Council meeting; the issues that were discussed; and if he had bilateral meetings before or after same. — Micheál Martin. [13888/19]

7. To ask the Taoiseach if EU reform was discussed at the March 2019 EU Council meeting. — Micheál Martin. [14283/19]

8. To ask the Taoiseach the outcome of the European Council meeting held in Brussels on 21 and 22 March 2019. — Seán Haughey. [14723/19]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the March 2019 meeting of the European Council; the issues that were discussed; and if he held bilateral meetings before or after same. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15012/19]

10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the European Council meeting held on 21 and 22 March 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [15022/19]

11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the March 2019 European Council meeting and the issues that were discussed. — Joan Burton. [15145/19]

12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the President of the European Council, Mr. Donald Tusk. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15015/19]

13. To ask the Taoiseach the detail of his contributions at the March 2019 EU Council meeting when the EU-China summit was discussed. — Michael Moynihan. [15419/19]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he has had recent discussions with President Macron of France; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [11990/19]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mr. Donald Tusk; the persons that attended the meeting; and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [13887/19]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mr. Donald Tusk on 19 March 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [13955/19]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with Mr. Donald Tusk. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13970/19]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he and Mr. Donald Tusk discussed various scenarios on Brexit and the withdrawal treaty; and if they discussed the length of the extension to Article 50. — Micheál Martin. [14281/19]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to Mr. Donald Tusk since 27 March 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [15113/19]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with Chancellor Merkel since the last EU Council meeting. — Michael Moynihan. [15115/19]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to Northern Ireland on 1 March 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [11462/19]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he met or spoke with Ms Arlene Foster since the beginning of March 2019; and if so, the issues that were discussed. — Michael Moynihan. [13893/19]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meetings and discussions with Ms Arlene Foster and political party leaders in Northern Ireland. — Eamon Ryan. [13974/19]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to Northern Ireland and the meetings and engagements he attended. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12012/19]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to Northern Ireland on 1 March 2019. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15043/19]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken or met with the leader or members of the DUP since 27 March 2019. — Micheál Martin. [15108/19]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent visit to Northern Ireland; and the meetings he had with political party leaders. — Joan Burton. [15146/19]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with Ms Arlene Foster since the DUP announced that it would not vote for the Withdrawal Treaty; and if so, the issues they discussed. — Micheál Martin. [15377/19]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to the United States of America for St. Patrick's Day; and the meetings he attended and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [13886/19]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he discussed the undocumented Irish at his meetings in the United States of America; and if so, the response he received. — Michael Moynihan. [13892/19]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the meeting he had with the Vice President of the United States of America, Mr. Mike Pence; the issues that were discussed; and if they included climate change. — Michael Moynihan. [13894/19]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his St. Patrick's Day visit to the United States of America. — Joan Burton. [13946/19]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to the United States of America and his meeting with President Donald Trump and representatives of Congress; and the other meetings he held. — Brendan Howlin. [13954/19]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent trip to the United States of America and the meetings he attended. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13969/19]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the recent discussions he had during his meetings in Washington DC and Chicago. — Eamon Ryan. [13972/19]

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the issues he raised with President Trump during his recent visit to the White House. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12373/19]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he discussed climate change with President Trump when they met in the United States of America. — Michael Moynihan. [14015/19]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to the United States of America. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15013/19]

39. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee E (Health) last met. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12374/19]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee E (Health) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15014/19]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee E (Health) last met. — Brendan Howlin. [15023/19]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee E (Health) last met. — Micheál Martin. [15110/19]

43. To ask the Taoiseach the role his Department is playing in preparing for a hard Brexit. — Micheál Martin. [14282/19]

44. To ask the Taoiseach the role his Department is playing in preparing for a hard Brexit. — Brendan Howlin. [15024/19]

45. To ask the Taoiseach the role of his Department in preparing for a hard Brexit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15016/19]

46. To ask the Taoiseach the details of the way in which Northern Ireland will be treated differently post-Brexit in view of his comments in Dáil Éireann on 27 March 2019 in relation to same; if he has spoken with Prime Minister May since then; and if his or other officials have been in further discussions in relation to contingency plans. — Micheál Martin. [15378/19]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with Prime Minister May since the indicative votes took place on 27 March 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [15114/19]

48. To ask the Taoiseach if discussions and the implications of direct rule were discussed with Prime Minister May in his recent meetings or conversations with her. — Michael Moynihan. [15418/19]

49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent conversations with the Prime Minister of New Zealand; and the issues that were discussed. — Joan Burton. [15147/19]

50. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee C (European Union including Brexit) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15017/19]

51. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the national digital strategy being led by his Departmental officials. — Micheál Martin. [15376/19]

52. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the research survey his Department was to commission in 2018 as part of the strategic communications unit; if it was proceeded with; and if so, the outcomes. — Brendan Howlin. [15463/19]

53. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee G (Justice and Equality) last met. — Brendan Howlin. [15465/19]

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

54. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the scheme to support national organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [15440/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress to date in the Action Plan for Rural Development on the pilot scheme to encourage residential occupancy in rural towns and villages as committed to under the plan. — Dara Calleary. [15474/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the options available to those seeking a personal monitored alarm through the seniors alert scheme that do not have access to a landline at their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [15467/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to improve the funding available to tidy towns groups nationally. — Thomas Byrne. [15469/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans for the spending of the 2019 budget under the senior alert scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [15232/19]

59. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the national policy on social enterprise will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15358/19]

60. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to provide additional funding under SICAP, Leader and other social inclusion funding programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [15207/19]

61. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the 2019 local improvement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [15234/19]

62. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will provide resources to communities to assist with the submission of applications for funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15202/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of dog breeding establishments registered; the number inspected in 2018 and to date in 2019; the number that required follow-up inspections; the number of fixed payment notices or improvement notices served by type; the number of closure notices served during that time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [15204/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps he plans to take to speed up the roll out of the Leader programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15416/19]

65. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to allocate funding in 2019 to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [15229/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the review of the CLÁR programme; the take-up and drawdown in funding to date since it was re-established; and the status of the drawdown in funding to date of the town and village renewal scheme since established. — Dara Calleary. [15472/19]

67. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the independent review of the charitable status of Pobal will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15359/19]

68. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund could be used to fund the capital works necessary to open Killucan station on the Dublin to Sligo line in County Westmeath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [15199/19]

69. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of Rural Regeneration and Development Fund applications received from west County Galway related to category 1 and category 2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15356/19]

70. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when he expects to make an announcement on the projects and programmes to be supported under the 2019 community enhancement programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [15244/19]

71. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the work of the Action Plan for Rural Development specifically relating to the revitalisation of towns and villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15417/19]

72. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the 2019 CLÁR programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [15231/19]

73. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a consultation report has been published regarding the community services programme; if so, the main findings of the report; the number of programmes supported by this scheme; the number of persons supported in employment by this scheme; his plans for the continuation of the programme beyond 2019 in its present form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [15245/19]

74. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of plans to develop a national volunteering strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [15230/19]

75. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when he plans to invite applications for the 2019 Rural Regeneration Development Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [15438/19]

76. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to invite applications under the town and village renewal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [15235/19]

77. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when it is planned to introduce an insurance indemnity for farmers and landholders that participate in the mountain access scheme;

the reason for the delay with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15415/19]

78. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the sub-group between his Department and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment which is examining the feasibility of using State and publicly owned assets for the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure has reported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15478/19]

79. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of his plans in relation to the drawing up of a national social enterprise policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [15439/19]

80. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which he foresees an opportunity to introduce new schemes or the augmentation of the existing structures to direct assistance towards both urban and rural communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15447/19]

81. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the discussions he has had with the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment with regard to broadband provision in rural areas; the progress of the provision of a map of blackspots in mobile coverage undertaken by the mobile phone and broadband taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [15471/19]

82. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps being taken between his Department and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment to speed up the roll out of fibre broadband in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15479/19]

83. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will report on the review of legislation to consider further regulations in relation to dog breeding establishments; the timeframe for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [15203/19]

84. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the Atlantic economic corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [15236/19]

85. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress to date of the town and village pilot residential occupancy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15360/19]

86. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to provide for an incentive programme to regenerate and renovate housing stocks in rural areas and small towns and villages. — Martin Kenny. [15476/19]

87. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will provide a map of blackspots identified by broadband officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [3366/19]

88. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund; and the amount allocated at the end of February 2019. — Martin Kenny. [15475/19]

89. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the role of the regional telecommunications development unit in his Department with regard to the National Broadband Plan. — Dara Calleary. [15470/19]

90. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to provide insurance cover for farmers on whose land there are greenways and other walkways. — Martin Kenny. [15477/19]

91. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of grant funding allocated to County Westmeath in all schemes and programmes by his Department and bodies under its aegis since its establishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [15200/19]

92. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the level of funding committed to date under the 2014 to 2020 Leader programme in County Meath; and if he is satisfied with the level of drawdown in County Meath under the programme. — Thomas Byrne. [15468/19]

93. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which he is satisfied regarding the benefit accruing to the community and rural sector arising from the various grant awards; his views on whether there is an opportunity for extension of benefit through the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15446/19]

94. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the operations of the Western Development Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [15233/19]

95. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applications made under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund to date by category; the number of applications granted funding by category; the funding approved for the scheme in 2019; the number of payments made to date for approved projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [15473/19]

96. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when a further call for funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15357/19]

97. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the local improvement scheme to local authorities nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15422/19]

