



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Chun an Taoisigh: 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]

### **CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

#### **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 amount spent to date under the 2014 to 2020 Leader programme between project and administration costs; the amount spent to date on projects by each LAG; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [15596/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the measures he has put in place to offset the effects of Brexit for the Border communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [15547/19]

56. 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; the progress to date on the provision of a map of blackspots in mobile phone coverage undertaken by the mobile phone and broadband taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [15597/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he has met with local authority broadband officers since his appointment; and the local authorities he has met with on the issue of broadband provision. — Willie Penrose. [3372/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the impact of the €5.5 million expenditure by his Department in 2019 on the regeneration of the north-east inner city area of Dublin; his views on whether other disadvantaged communities would also benefit from significant investment in regeneration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [15598/19]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]



79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

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**CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA**  
**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*103. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with President Macron since the last EU Council meeting. — Michael Moynihan. [15116/19]

\*104. To ask the Taoiseach the details of each Government of Ireland branded information initiative in 2018 and to date in 2019 which carried out functions (details supplied) in tabular form; the level of expenditure for each such initiative; and if his officials were involved in providing instructions and advice in promoting each such initiative. — Billy Kelleher. [15668/19]

\*105. To ask the Taoiseach if his officials were involved in providing instructions and advice in promoting a video (details supplied); the detail of all such meetings that took place; and the funding provided for the video. — Billy Kelleher. [15669/19]

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

\*106. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the international courses and conferences which members of the Defence Forces have participated in on behalf of the Defence Forces; and the cost and nature of the course or conference in each of the past ten years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15522/19]

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

\*107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on a matter in relation to a fine for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15558/19]

\*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his officials were involved in providing instructions and advice in promoting a video (details supplied); the detail of all such meetings that took place; and the funding provided for the video. — Billy Kelleher. [15670/19]

*Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.*

\*109. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount spent on customs and excise personnel at an event (details supplied). — Carol Nolan. [15612/19]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Finance if non-Government sports bodies have been the subject of a Revenue Commissioners audit and or investigations in the past 25 years; the number of investigations that have occurred in respect of same; the number of settlements reached; the number of contested liabilities; the name of each organisation in receipt of public funds that the Revenue Commissioners have made settlements with and contested revenue owed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [15611/19]

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

\*111. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason it was considered appropriate to force a small cohort to retire ahead of others (details supplied); if there are provisions available in order that those that want to continue in their employment may do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [15528/19]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the required approvals will be applied for a special area of conservation in order to remove the build-up of silt on the mud flats outside the sluices gates and open a channel to deep water at a location (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15602/19]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there is a bullying and harassment policy in his Department. — Michael Moynihan. [15421/19]

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

\*114. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to offer a higher rate of remuneration for persons aged 25 years of age and over that are pursuing apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15515/19]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a devolved grant for the provision of four new special needs classrooms at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [15517/19]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the stages of building of each of the schools due funding from the 2016-2021 capital plan; if each of the projects are on schedule; the schools and the status of each in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [15520/19]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for the capitation grant to be restored to €200 per pupil for primary schools; his further plans to increase the figure of €170 per pupil; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [15521/19]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding a new school for an area (details supplied) in Dublin 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15545/19]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a series of matters in relation to special classes in schools for children with special needs (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15546/19]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to increase the number of ASD places at secondary school level; the further steps he is taking to ensure secondary schools have enough ASD places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [15563/19]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a post-primary school place will be allocated to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [15567/19]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of secondary school places available in Waterford city and county by school in tabular form; the number of secondary school pupils attending secondary schools in Waterford city and county by school in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [15572/19]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there is a school development plan for Waterford city and county to adapt to the growing needs for school places in line with population trends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [15573/19]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a matter regarding the proposed amalgamation of schools (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15587/19]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there is a pathway for an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15591/19]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a new school building will be provided for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15592/19]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the patronage process will be opened for the new secondary school for Greystones and Kilcoole which was announced in April 2018 and is to be opened in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [15594/19]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a planning application for a new school (details supplied) in Dublin 15 will be submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [15600/19]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the situation regarding the building project for a new school (details supplied) in Dublin 15; if capital funding has been ring-fenced; when the new building will be open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [15601/19]

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

\*130. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of atypical scheme permits for non-EU migrant fishers renewed in 2018; and the number issued in total. — Mick Barry. [15569/19]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount spent on gardaí at an event (details supplied). — Carol Nolan. [15613/19]

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

\*132. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the implementation of the prompt payment code across the HSE; if it is being delayed; if so, the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [15664/19]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of applications to the innovation voucher scheme of Enterprise Ireland by county in each of the years 2010 to 2018;

the number of eligible and ineligible applications, respectively; the funds allocated to the scheme in each such year including to date in 2019; and the amount subsequently expended in each year in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [15665/19]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the recourse persons have under consumer protection regulations with respect to car rental companies charging different customers for the same pre-existing damage while forgoing to actually repair the vehicle (details supplied); and the number of related complaints submitted to the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission relating to such car rental issues in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [15666/19]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the cost of making a video (details supplied) on regional enterprise plans; the Department that funded the video; the number of meetings she and senior staff had with accounting officers and with staff from other Departments including accounting officers that were involved in giving instructions and advice in promoting the video; and the details of all such meetings in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [15667/19]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the ratification process for CETA; the number of member states that have ratified it; the status of the outcome of the recent opinion of the Advocate General of the ECJ on the compatibility of the investment court system with the European Treaties; and when the CETA agreement will be voted on by Dáil Éireann. — Billy Kelleher. [15671/19]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the European Union free trade agreements entered into since 2000 that have included a dispute settlement mechanism based on the WTO dispute settlement mechanism in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [15672/19]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the European Union free trade agreements entered into since 2009 which include investor to state dispute settlement mechanisms in trade and investment agreements in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [15673/19]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of bilateral trade agreements entered into by EU member states since the late 1960s which contain provisions to protect investments and investor to state dispute settlement. — Billy Kelleher. [15674/19]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the EU or national studies or research regarding employment growth, job creation and the increase in exports of goods and services as a direct result of EU free trade agreements from an EU and Irish perspective and other benefits accruing. — Billy Kelleher. [15675/19]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the EU free trade agreements that are in pre-negotiation phase; and the details of the impact assessments with each such free trade agreement. — Billy Kelleher. [15676/19]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*142. To ask the Minister for Health if he will restore pay to general practitioners following cuts under FEMPI legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15570/19]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Health the facilities provided and supported by the HSE for persons with dementia in Dublin 6, 8, 10 and 12. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15511/19]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Health the primary care centres in Dublin 6, 8, 10 and 12; the services provided within each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15512/19]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for other primary care centres in Dublin 6, 8, 10 and 12 that are in conception, planning and construction phase and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15513/19]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list to access CAMHS services by region, CHO; the length of time each person has been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [15523/19]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adolescents waiting for an initial mental health assessment by region, CHO; the length of time each has been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [15524/19]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Health the rate of referral to additional mental health services following initial assessment for children and adolescents by the service they were referred to, the region and CHO. — Pat Buckley. [15525/19]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a service (details supplied) in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the stage plans are at; the timeframe for introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15526/19]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Health when the legislative changes to the fair deal scheme to cap time charge on farm and small business assets will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15536/19]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the ongoing delays regarding the legislative changes pertaining to the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15537/19]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Health when the review of the system for setting nursing home prices under the nursing home scheme will be published. — Carol Nolan. [15538/19]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Health if the healthcare assistant role will be removed from the ineligible categories of employment for employment permits list on a controlled basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15541/19]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Health if the new and revised general practitioner contract will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15543/19]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Health the services provided to persons in County Kerry that suffer from Parkinson's disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15553/19]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not received their medical reports from the Mater Hospital; when they will receive same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15555/19]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be provided for a replacement wheelchair for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [15556/19]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Health if an emergency appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [15557/19]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to publish the report on the pricing review of the nursing home fair deal scheme that was to conclude on 1 June 2017. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [15559/19]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective surgeries and procedures cancelled by specialty at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore, in each month in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by patient did not attend, self-cancellation and cancellation by hospital. — Brian Stanley. [15560/19]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting a long time for an appointment with an organisation; when they will receive same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15561/19]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15562/19]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Health if home help will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [15564/19]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Health the resources being made available in CHO8 for persons suffering from Parkinson's disease; the available resources and the plans to expand services in this area in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15565/19]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce proof of disability as a form of identification (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [15566/19]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to remove the BreastCheck unit from County Sligo in the near future; the reason this is the case; the reason patients based in the county are currently not being granted appointments in Sligo and are informed instead to select between Castlebar or Letterkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [15571/19]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [15576/19]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a bed at University Hospital Limerick in order to undergo further testing and appropriate treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [15579/19]



\*169. To ask the Minister for Health if fibromyalgia will be categorised as a chronic, incurable and debilitating condition for the drug payment scheme or other schemes administered by his Department to assist in covering the costs of medication and treatment. — Mick Barry. [15580/19]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Health the planned date for completion of the cost and implementation plan for providing 7/7 child and adolescent mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [15581/19]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the mental health team for those experiencing homelessness operating at Parkgate Street, Dublin 8; if the service is open to new referrals; the number of persons availing of the service; the number of persons on the waiting list for the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [15582/19]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the redrafting of the Mental Health Act 2001; the date the heads of Bill will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [15583/19]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the redrafting of the A Vision for Change mental health policy; the timeline for the development and implementation of the new policy; when a clear cost plan is expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [15584/19]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a planned operation for a person (details supplied) has been continually cancelled; when a new date will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [15585/19]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not received an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15588/19]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Health if a lumbar MRI scan will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [15590/19]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will issue in relation to the proposed regulations governing the work practices of qualified pharmaceutical assistants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [15603/19]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided by his Department and the HSE since 2016 for the treatment of Parkinson's disease; the payments made to an association (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maria Bailey. [15604/19]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Health when the compassionate access programme will be in place. — Carol Nolan. [15616/19]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be changes to the licensing system to allow ill persons under the guidance of general practitioners to receive CBD. — Carol Nolan. [15617/19]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to include a branch (details supplied) in the personalised budgets pilot project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15642/19]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) who has been graded as an urgent case will have hip surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [15645/19]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the education available for users of the HPV vaccine; his further views on whether full information should be made available to all persons before they avail of the service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15661/19]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Health if assistance is available for young women that were affected by the HPV vaccine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15662/19]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HPRA is not reporting the figures of adverse affects of the HPV vaccine to the public (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15663/19]

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

\*186. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent on inspectors from his Department at an event (details supplied). — Carol Nolan. [15614/19]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers enrolled in the AEOS scheme whose contracts ended in 2018, by county in tabular form; if he will consider permitting these persons to apply to the GLAS scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [15568/19]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS 3 payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15593/19]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers participating in the GLAS scheme that have planted land with wild bird cover that previously had designated ANC land that are no longer eligible under the terms and conditions of the 2019 ANC scheme (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [15677/19]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers enrolled in the AEOS scheme whose contracts ceased by 31 December 2018, by county in tabular form; if they will be permitted to apply to join GLAS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [15678/19]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the quota regime in operation since 2009 pertaining to US and Canadian hormone free beef exports annually to the EU in terms of tonnage and value from each country; and the amount of the annual quota that has been used each year by each country in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [15679/19]

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

\*192. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding compensation packages for holders of eel fishing licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [15514/19]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to ensure that schools and other educational institutions in the amber area will be given priority when the national broadband contract has been signed and is rolled out in view of the fact that information and communications technology grants are being provided for information technology upgrades but in many instances no broadband can be accessed in schools in County Sligo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [15549/19]

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

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of occasions he has consented to the advancing of additional funds in order for Sport Ireland to perform its duties in the past three years in the context of the Sport Ireland Act 2015; the amount approved; the reason they were requested; the persons or bodies they were to be advanced to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [15607/19]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the oral hearings for the N6 Galway city ring road will take place; the timeframe for commencement and completion of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [15619/19]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the issue of taxi drivers being victims of violence in the course of their work has been given consideration; the measures he has considered to protect taxi drivers; if legislation such as an Act will be introduced (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [15577/19]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason tourism policy is not actively promoting Ireland West Airport Knock to transatlantic carriers, particularly in view of the fact that west and north-west local authorities have committed funding to the airport for ten years; the plans in place to build international market awareness and access to Ireland West Airport Knock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [15635/19]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a policy instrument to convince transatlantic carriers to invest in routes to Ireland West Airport Knock and drive access from key tourism markets into the western seaboard will be introduced; the amount in State grants provided to the airport in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the amount provided for capital expenditure and infrastructure spending from 2019 to date; the forecasted funding for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [15636/19]

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

\*199. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the operational cost of the information, administrative and tracing service delivered by Tusla and the Adoption Authority of Ireland in relation to adoptees from historical and domestic adoptions. — Carol Nolan. [15539/19]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number and percentage of adoptees that also have a sibling that was also placed for adoption. — Carol Nolan. [15540/19]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the annual cost to date of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation in tabular form; the anticipated cost upon completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15575/19]

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

\*202. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if Meath County Council will be assisted in its efforts to acquire a location (details supplied) for community use as a public library; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15516/19]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the organisations and groups supported by the scheme to support national organisations in the community and voluntary sector; the funding each has received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15610/19]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the position regarding funding for volunteer centres with particular reference to underfunded centres (details supplied); the options under consideration at present; when a decision will be reached in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Barrett. [15527/19]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will address a matter regarding an indemnity scheme for landowners (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15550/19]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the feedback he is receiving from the community and voluntary sector during the recent roadshow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [15551/19]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the work being conducted by the PPN Advisory Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [15552/19]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which the various programmes run by his Department have benefited individual rural communities on a county basis nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15625/19]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which he expects to be in a position to augment or extend the various grants or incentives administered by his Department nationally affecting rural and urban areas with particular reference to the targeting of areas suffering from social and or economic deprivation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15626/19]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which he expects to be in a position to support applications from County Kildare for assistance under the various schemes operated by his Department in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15627/19]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applications received in his Department from County Kildare in respect of the various support schemes applicable to both urban and rural communities directly or through the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15628/19]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans for the development of the various community support schemes operated by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15629/19]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of persons in both urban and rural communities that have accessed the support schemes operated by his Department in 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15630/19]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the next tranche of grant aid to be awarded by his Department will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15631/19]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the various headings under which applications for grant aid under the various schemes operated by his Department can be made; the opening and closing dates in respect of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15632/19]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his Department continues to address issues such as rural and urban isolation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15633/19]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which his Department addresses such issues as local connectivity in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15634/19]

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

\*218. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when pensioners in receipt of semi-State company pensions will receive a cost of living pension increase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15544/19]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision will be made on a disability application for assistance in view of the medical condition of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [15548/19]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of pensioners to date that have been contacted in relation to pension changes applied in 2012; the number that have received arrears; the number of that have seen their pensions increased; the number of that have seen no increase in their payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [15574/19]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a companion pass by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15618/19]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if proposals brought to Cabinet to protect persons trapped in bogus self-employment will include new legislation and stronger enforcement regulations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [15620/19]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if persons can be refunded the cost of a taxi to and from a JobPath appointment in cases in which public transport is not available in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15622/19]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) who is participating in Turas Nua is being denied TESH towards a course which will ensure employment when completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [15647/19]

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

\*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to tenancy contracts by approved housing bodies such as a body (details supplied) which informs tenants that their tenancy can be ended if the body plans to sell the premises within three months, refurbish the premises, change the use of the premises or if it is deemed no longer suitable for the tenant; if this tenancy agreement is approved by his Department for persons housed by such bodies from the social housing waiting list; his views on AHBs potentially using such grounds for eviction in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15849/19]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address a matter regarding the Rebuilding Ireland home loan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15554/19]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views in relation to the tenancy agreements being entered into by voluntary housing associations by which they empower the housing association to terminate the tenancy of a person as a result of refurbishment or sale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [15578/19]

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

\*228. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when a response will issue to Sligo County Council in relation to planning approval for imperative reasons for overriding public interest for the necessary upgrade of Lough Talt water supply treatment plant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [15586/19]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 4 APRIL, 2019**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to deal with bogus self-employment practices; and when legislation will come before Dáil Éireann on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15656/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the potential for blacklisting in industries in which there is widespread use of fixed-term contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15660/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the timeline for the procurement process for future employment services; if a payments-by-results model for employment services will be sought despite the unsuitability of this model having been demonstrated in other jurisdictions including here; if the new model will acknowledge distance travelled by which the focus is on the development of the individual as opposed to the sole focus being on the end result of obtaining work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [15368/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she is taking to implement the Programme for Partnership Government commitment on the monitoring of child benefit payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15364/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her plans to improve protections for persons trapped in bogus self-employment will include new legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [15605/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of her plans to introduce auto-enrolment; the stage plans are at; the next steps; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15638/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the timeframe for completion of the reviews being carried out into persons affected by the changes to the State pension (contributory) in 2012; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15653/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the date for the publication of the report into the impact of reduced jobseeker's payments for persons aged 18 to 25 years of age which was due to be published two years ago; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15640/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to introduce legislation on bogus self-employed contracts; if so, the parameters of the planned Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [15510/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to revise the method by which capital is assessed for those in receipt of disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15509/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if extra staff will be hired to ensure that the reviews into the cases of persons affected by the changes to the State pension (contributory) in 2012; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15654/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will review legislation for the protection of the rights of migrant workers engaged in seasonal work on short-term contracts of less than six months duration with a view to strengthening regulations. — Clare Daly. [15606/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when application forms for the State pension (contributory) review will be made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15365/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the contracts with JobPath providers will expire; when a decision on the future of the scheme will be made; if the recent Dáil Éireann motion on the issue will be taken into account; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15655/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons referred to JobPath since 2015; the number of those that have commenced employment which has been sustained for 12 months or more; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15637/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when all the cases will be examined under the review of pensioners entitlements which follows the introduction of a total contributions approach method for assessing pensioners that became eligible for the State pension after September 2012; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15508/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress being made to address the entitlements of those whose profession is of a sporadic nature and the stress this causes for persons for example, in the acting profession; and her plans to extend the arts scheme for longer than a year. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [15646/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to introduce flexibility and support in the social protection system for persons with mental health difficulties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [15363/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will review the operation of pension schemes for retired members of semi-State organisations; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that one fifth of these pensioners are on a pension of less than €12,000 per annum and many have not received a pension increase in recent years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [15371/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she has taken or is planning to take to accelerate the payment process for the working family payment (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [15599/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to address issues in relation to bogus self-employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [15529/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to set up a taskforce which would consider the appropriate level of pensionable age and make recommendations in view of the way in which pension age increases were agreed without consultation or debate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15641/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the possibility of increasing the financial thresholds for carer's allowance will be investigated; if the introduction of discretionary assessments in cases of extreme extenuating circumstances, similar to the discretionary system utilised in the medical card application process will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [15644/19]



24. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will amend the vote of her Department to include the full Christmas payment from Budget 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [15370/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the stage of the proposals to provide a free hot meal to every school child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10685/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the review underway of entitlement to an increased rate of contributory pension; the number of cases that remain to be reviewed; when the review will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [15530/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of full restoration of the telephone allowance including to those that may qualify but do not live alone; and her plans to address the issue in the next period. — Bríd Smith. [15657/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason the budget for activation for persons with a disability is slightly lower in the 2019 estimates than in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [15533/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which efforts are being made to reduce the waiting time for the hearing of various social welfare appeals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15624/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which women or men that have insufficient contributions to meet the requirements for qualification for the old age pension are now being accommodated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15623/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the consolidation project being undertaken by the Law Reform Commission on the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005; the cost of the project; the estimated timeframe for completion of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [15367/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of overpayments made in 2018; the number and percentage of same which was a result of fraud; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [15532/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the IORP II directive; if she will apply for a derogation for self-directed pension schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [15531/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the proposals she recently brought to Cabinet regarding bogus self-employment; her plans to progress these measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15639/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will commission a review to ascertain the number of workers per year affected by the six day waiting period while sick from work; and the estimated cost of restoring the waiting period to three days. — Bríd Smith. [15658/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which she can address the potential impact to the hairdressing industry due to the Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2018 and the abolition of training rates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [15652/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to incidences in which JobPath providers insist on seeking a commission for persons that sought work on their own accord after having attended an initial meeting with JobPath employment services despite the new employer verifying this to be the case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [15369/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to allegations of abuse of workers on fixed-term contracts in episodic industries; if she has discussed the role she may play in vindicating the rights of these workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15659/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the level of red tape involved in the annual forms that applicants for farm assist are required to fill out and return will be reviewed; if the level of information that is required on an annual basis will be reduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [15366/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of progress in completing the reviews for those in receipt of reduced pension amounts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [15650/19]

