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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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 if the total contributions approach to calculating entitlement to the contributory pension will come into effect in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [15534/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will consider the proposals put forward in the Social Welfare Commission Bill 2018 in order to ensure the adequacy of social welfare payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15742/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans for community employment schemes; her further plans to address pension entitlements for supervisors and assistant supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [15535/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for the backlog and delays in issuing social welfare payments; and the further reason for the delay of six months in relation to appeals. — Bríd Smith. [15690/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the timeframe for the upcoming tendering process for the future provision of employment services nationally; the reason active consideration will not be given to a public procurement process despite the success of local employment services in successfully achieving full-time employment for over 28% of referrals each year and the progression of the remaining caseload to part-time jobs and other pathways to work; the reason successful not-for-profit community holistic models are not being given an equal opportunity to tender for the services despite the problems experienced in countries adopting a privatised model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [15621/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*46. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number and percentage of women on each State board under the remit of his Department on 8 March 2016 and 8 March 2019, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15705/19]

*47. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the Defence Forces study group convened to review the standards of height for entry have presented their report to him; if so, if he will publish the report; if not, when the report will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [15780/19]

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

*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number and percentage of women on each State board under the remit of his Department on 8 March 2016 and 8 March 2019, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15709/19]

*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the existing freedom of movement and residence rights for EU citizen spouses of Irish citizens moving from Ireland to Northern Ireland will be assured following the withdrawal of the UK from the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [15728/19]

*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his office and the Passport Office will no longer deal with enquiries from Deputies in relation to passports. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15732/19]

*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason it is taking applicants over ten working days to receive their passport through passport express in view of the fact that the Passport Office has taken on more staff to deal with the backlog. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15733/19]

*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the Alberto Costa amendment in the UK (details supplied). — Eamon Ryan. [15737/19]

*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has made representations to his Nigerian counterparts concerning the killing of approximately 120 Christians in the middle belt region of the country in March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15774/19]

*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if funding will be provided through Irish Aid or other organisations under the aegis of his Department to facilitate or support access to the termination of pregnancy overseas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15775/19]

*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of times his officials have participated in discussions with the European Commission on no-deal scenarios for trade within the island of Ireland in the past two months; the personnel involved; if the personnel were provided with instructions regarding their participation in these discussions; if papers were exchanged; if he has been informed of the content and outcome of the discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [15861/19]

*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a holder of a British passport (details supplied) will qualify for an Irish passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15908/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*57. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to reports that a company (details supplied) is writing to all borrowers in arrears demanding all arrears to be cleared within 30 days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15692/19]

*58. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and percentage of women on each State board under the remit of his Department on 8 March 2016 and 8 March 2019, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15708/19]

*59. To ask the Minister for Finance the occupations (details supplied) covered in section 118(3)(a) Taxes Consolidation Act 1997; and the provision of accommodation that is exempt to tax. — Joan Burton. [15722/19]

*60. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated number of employees covered by the exemption to benefit-in-kind provided by section 118(3)(a) Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 in each of the years 2014 to 2018 by employer activity in tabular form. — Joan Burton. [15723/19]

*61. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of the exemption to benefit-in-kind provided by section 118(3)(a) Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 in each of the years 2014 to 2018, by employer activity in tabular form. — Joan Burton. [15724/19]

*62. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated tax forgone in respect of the largest beneficiary of the exemption granted under section 118(3)(a) Taxes Consolidation Act 1997, in each of the years 2012 to 2018, in tabular form. — Joan Burton. [15725/19]

*63. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons assessed for benefit-in-kind in respect to their employer providing housing for them over the past ten years to date; the rental costs of such properties on a monthly basis over that period; the highest and lowest rental cost properties, respectively; and the average of the rental cost in tabular form. — Joan Burton. [15738/19]

*64. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the recent report of the UN special rapporteur (details supplied) on the right to adequate housing on the financialisation of housing through preferential tax laws; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15771/19]

*65. To ask the Minister for Finance when he expects to progress legislative changes on insurance as part of the Consumer Insurance Contracts Bill 2017; the reason the legislative changes are not being drafted as a new Bill in its own right; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [15950/19]

*66. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Central Bank has been consulted in relation to the intention of a bank (details supplied) to securitise mortgage loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [15951/19]

*67. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the CSO report on indexing business insurance prices; his plans to roll out such an index; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [15952/19]

*68. To ask the Minister for Finance if persons aged 66 years of age and over are exempt from paying the €30 levy per credit card and DIRT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [15980/19]

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

*69. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if she will examine the possibility of widening the applicability of the homecare credit in the calculation of pension entitlements for retired workers specifically workers in semi-States and bodies such as the Central Bank that may have no entitlement to State contributory pensions and whose workplace pension is disadvantaged by the refusal of the semi-State employer to give credit to workers for years out of the workforce raising families; if the legislation can be amended to cover such workers and ensure all women that raise families are given homecare credits in calculating their final pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15848/19]

*70. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number and percentage of women on each State board under the remit of his Department on 8 March 2016 and 8 March 2019, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15713/19]

*71. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding public servants that were forced to retire between 6 December 2017 and the commencement of the Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act 2018 due to reaching 65 years of age; and if a report has been prepared on potential remedies to assist these workers. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [15717/19]

*72. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if legislation governing the pension entitlements of workers (details supplied) can be amended to allow women that raised families and took leave from their workplace for those periods to avail of home care credits similar to those recently amended under the contributory pension scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15854/19]

*73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the report will be published as stipulated by section 3 of the Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act 2018; if legislative changes will be brought forward if necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [15946/19]

*74. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the level of involvement his Department has in undergoing a due diligence on the tender for the National Broadband Plan as confirmed by the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment; if the Office of Government Procurement is actively involved in the due diligence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [15947/19]

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

*75. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for future funding of a society (details supplied); the amount of funding that will help develop and support Irish sign language and specifically the programmes run by the society such as deaf adult literacy services and the Irish sign language academy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15855/19]

*76. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the special education hours allocation will be increased in respect of a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15685/19]

*77. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children that left primary school in Summer 2018 that failed to enrol in a second-level school in September 2018; the corresponding figures in each of the years 2014 to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15699/19]

*78. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number and percentage of women on each State board under the remit of his Department on 8 March 2016 and 8 March 2019, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15706/19]

*79. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of plans to open an educate together primary school in Killarney, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15716/19]

*80. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if provision will be made for additional places in an ASD unit at a school (details supplied). — John Curran. [15718/19]

*81. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will report on the provision of education for a child (details supplied) with autism. — Mick Barry. [15755/19]

*82. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for the future funding of a society (details supplied); the way in which the funding will help develop and support Irish sign language and specifically the programmes run by the society such as deaf adult literacy services and an academy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15766/19]

*83. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15779/19]

*84. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress made in conferring DEIS status on a school (details supplied); if this application will be given further consideration in view of the fact that it has been ongoing for some time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15801/19]

*85. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the first of four new schools for Donabate, County Dublin; the site location, patronage and timeline for delivery of the school; if the school will open in September 2020 as stated by him in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [15808/19]

*86. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he received an application under the emergency works scheme by a school (details supplied) to provide funding to facilitate special needs pupils attending the school; if the application will be assessed and sanction issued to the school authorities as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [15815/19]

*87. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the supports available for pathological demand avoidance sufferers autism spectrum (details supplied); and the supports in place for persons that do not qualify for home tuition having been diagnosed with autism. — Robert Troy. [15816/19]

*88. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress in relation to the development of a new permanent school building for a school (details supplied); the timeline for the delivery of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [15940/19]

*89. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the DEIS identification review is complete; when it is proposed to progress applications from primary and post-primary schools for inclusion under the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15953/19]

*90. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if DEIS status will be conferred on a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15954/19]

*91. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application for a third teacher for a school (details supplied) in County Kerry will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15977/19]

*92. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a project (details supplied) will proceed to the next stage at an early date in view of the fact that all details have been submitted by the

architect; if his attention has been drawn to the need to upgrade existing accommodation and provide additional permanent accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15992/19]

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

*93. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress regarding the new non-EEA students scheme in view of the precarious position of a number of applicants that are eligible for the scheme and are awaiting a decision in order to complete their studies. — Clare Daly. [15757/19]

*94. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide a breakdown of childcare orders by type and District Court division. — Clare Daly. [15804/19]

*95. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a permanent Garda sergeant is stationed in Strokestown Garda station, County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [15697/19]

*96. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number and percentage of women on each State board under the remit of his Department on 8 March 2016 and 8 March 2019, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15712/19]

*97. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to ensure the compliance of public bodies with obligations under the Comprehensive Employment Strategy for People with Disabilities 2015 to 2024; the sanctions available to address non-compliant and non-reporting bodies; the number of complaints made in relation to failure to comply with the strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [15721/19]

*98. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the island of Ireland having two different time zones following the position of the European Union not to have seasonal time changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [15781/19]

*99. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in Dublin that have completed the competency based driving levels 4 and 5 in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [15805/19]

*100. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the education budget for the Irish Prison Service in 2017, 2018 and 2019; the amount of the budget that was spent in 2017 and 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [15806/19]

*101. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the public service is meeting its obligation to employ a certain percentage of persons in receipt of a disability payment; and the statistics for same for 2017 and 2018. — Robert Troy. [15948/19]

*102. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when Ireland will ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture. — Clare Daly. [15996/19]

*103. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency status of a person (details supplied); if they can be considered for naturalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15997/19]

*104. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed to facilitate naturalisation and stamp 4 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15998/19]

*105. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16001/19]

*106. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16003/19]

*107. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16004/19]

*108. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16007/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a visa will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16008/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16010/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application for refugee status and asylum in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16012/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16024/19]

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

*113. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number and percentage of women on each State board under the remit of her Department on 8 March 2016 and 8 March 2019, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15701/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*114. To ask the Minister for Health if he has liaised with other Departments and bodies in relation to the introduction of exclusion zones at facilities providing for the termination of pregnancy; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15768/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE reserves the right to terminate contracts it has with private agencies with respect to home support services in County Donegal in order to relinquish

responsibility for the provision of such services; the consideration given to the continuity of care for service users in receipt of home supports when terminating contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15694/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions since the commencement of the new 2018 contract awarded by the HSE for the home delivery of incontinence wear to a private courier partner on which deliveries were either delayed, cancelled or orders were only partially delivered; the dates on which same occurred; the reason for the service disruption on each such occasion by CHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15695/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of women on each State board under the remit of his Department on 8 March 2016 and 8 March 2019, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15710/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [15726/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Health the number of confirmed cases of Lyme disease here in each of the years 2013 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [15727/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 700 of 26 March 2019, the terms of reference for the review of the HSE reimbursement and pricing decision making process; the specific instruction the relevant consultancy firm will follow; the estimated timeline for completion of the review; if the review will involve consultation with third-party interested stakeholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [15731/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an organisation (details supplied) has been denied funding; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the lack of funding threatens the organisation with closure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [15735/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether HSE care company carers should be trained in first aid; and his plans to make it compulsory in particular in circumstances in which the patient in their care is prone to having choking incidents. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15740/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug Sativex is authorised here for sale; if so, if it is available by prescription; the number of persons prescribed same here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15743/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the work to introduce legislation to regulate for exclusion zones in relation to facilities providing for the termination of pregnancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15767/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is responsible for the salary remuneration for the members of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board; if so, the amount that has issued in salaries to the members of the Board to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15772/19]

*126. 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. [15776/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the physiotherapy waiting list; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and more than 65 years, respectively by each category in each local healthcare area at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available, in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15807/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a counselling appointment in primary care at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting zero to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — James Browne. [15813/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each local health office area waiting for a child and adolescent mental health services appointment at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting zero to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — James Browne. [15814/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider adding fibromyalgia to the long-term illness list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [15821/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a three year cap on farm businesses' assets in circumstances in which a family successor commits to continue to farm the asset for a period of six years (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [15822/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the issue of having fibromyalgia classified as a disability under the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [15823/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health the reason children that travelled under the scoliosis action plan outsourcing initiative to a hospital (details supplied) now find themselves without access to their referring Irish consultant. — Louise O'Reilly. [15830/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health the reason children with scoliosis that travelled to a hospital (details supplied) are treated differently to children that travelled to Germany that remain patients of their Irish consultant post-surgery. — Louise O'Reilly. [15831/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health the reason letters were not issued to parents to explain the change to their child's terms of their scoliosis outsourcing agreement with the HSE and that some children are now without access to an Irish orthopaedic consultant and must present to their local emergency department if they require a spinal assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15832/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of scoliosis outsourcing initiatives considering it now entails long-term follow up of children by a hospital (details supplied) resulting in numerous trips to the United Kingdom by teams and patients; his views on whether this is the best policy; and his further views on whether it would be better to invest in capacity and services to carry out the surgeries and treatments here. — Louise O'Reilly. [15833/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time for a MRI at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin. — Louise O'Reilly. [15834/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time for a first orthopaedic appointment at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin. — Louise O'Reilly. [15835/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time for scoliosis surgery at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin. — Louise O'Reilly. [15836/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time for a MRI at Temple Street Children's University Hospital. — Louise O'Reilly. [15837/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time for a first orthopaedic appointment at Temple Street Children's University Hospital. — Louise O'Reilly. [15838/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time for scoliosis surgery at Temple Street Children's University Hospital. — Louise O'Reilly. [15839/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting greater than four months for their scoliosis surgery across Children's Health Ireland; and the steps being taken to ensure that the HSE set four month surgery target is met for all children that require scoliosis surgery during 2019 and beyond. — Louise O'Reilly. [15840/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health if children that are waiting for scoliosis surgery across Children's Health Ireland will be offered treatment under the NTPF if they are over the HSE set four month target in view of the fact that this target is in line with international best practice and also one of the ten recommendations arising from the report Waiting on Scoliosis Treatment - A Children's Rights Issue from the Ombudsman for Children. — Louise O'Reilly. [15841/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health the number of orthopaedic outpatient department clinics cancelled during 2019 in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin; the way in which cancellations are managed; the way in which patients are informed of cancellations; the policy of the hospital in regard to cancelled OPD clinics; and the way in which children are safeguarded during clinic cancellations. — Louise O'Reilly. [15842/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health if the newly installed EOS scanner in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin will be available to all children across Children's Health Ireland (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [15843/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health the number of suspended scoliosis cases across Children's Health Ireland; and if these are managed in line with NTPF guidelines. — Louise O'Reilly. [15844/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health the number of TCI scoliosis cases across Children's Health Ireland; and if these are managed in line with NTPF guidelines. — Louise O'Reilly. [15845/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for scoliosis surgery across Children's Health Ireland by hospital and category of wait list in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [15846/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in the admission of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [15850/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Health when spinraza will be made available for children with spinal muscular atrophy. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15851/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance attendances at each emergency department nationwide in March 2019; the number of such ambulances that waited longer than 20 minutes to hand over patients, get their trolleys back and return to responding to calls; the number that waited longer than 40, 60 and 90 minutes for same; and the number that waited more than 120 and 180 minutes for same. — Stephen Donnelly. [15858/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a MRI scan in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15866/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15867/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15868/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15869/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15870/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15871/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15872/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a MRI scan in the South Southwest Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15873/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the South Southwest Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15874/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the South Southwest Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15875/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the South Southwest Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15876/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the South Southwest Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15877/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a cholangiopancreatography in the South Southwest Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15878/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the South Southwest Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15879/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a MRI scan in the Saolta Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15880/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Saolta Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15881/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Saolta Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15882/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Saolta Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15883/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the Saolta Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15884/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the Saolta Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15885/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Saolta Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15886/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a MRI scan in the University of Limerick Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15887/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the University of Limerick Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15888/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the University of Limerick Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15889/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the University of Limerick Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15890/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the University of Limerick Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15891/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the University of Limerick Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15892/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the University of Limerick Hospital Group for waiting periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15893/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a MRI scan in the RCSI Hospital Group less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15894/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the RCSI Hospital Group less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15895/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the RCSI Hospital Group less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15896/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the RCSI Hospital Group less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15897/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the RCSI Hospital Group less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15898/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a cholangiopancreatography in the RCSI Hospital Group less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15899/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the RCSI Hospital Group less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15900/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a MRI scan in the Ireland East Hospital Group less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15901/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Ireland East Hospital Group less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15902/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Ireland East Hospital Group less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15903/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Ireland East Hospital Group less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15904/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the Ireland East Hospital Group less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15905/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for a cholangiopancreatography in the Ireland East Hospital Group less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15906/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 March 2019 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Ireland East Hospital Group less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15907/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available awaiting a first assessment from the HSE under the Disability Act 2005 by LHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15909/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by local health area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15910/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by local health area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15911/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; and the numbers waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by local health area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15912/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy first time assessment waiting list at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 years of age plus, respectively, in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15913/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list in CHO1 at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15914/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list in CHO2 at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15915/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list in CHO3 at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15916/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list in CHO4 at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15917/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list in CHO5 at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15918/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list in CHO6 at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15919/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list in CHO7 at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15920/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list in CHO8 at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17,

18 to 64 years and 65 plus of age, respectively in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15921/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list in CHO9 at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15922/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds and wards in all public and voluntary acute hospitals that were closed on 29 March 2019 or the latest date on which data for validated bed closures at hospital and ward level are available in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15923/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost through delayed discharges in each public and voluntary hospital to 31 March 2019, in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15924/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of clinical status 1 ECHO incidents responded to by first responder in 7 minutes and 59 seconds or less; and the percentage of clinical status 1 DELTA incidents responded to by a patient carrying vehicle in 7 minutes and 59 seconds or less in each ambulance station in each month to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15925/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients aged 75 years of age or over that experienced an emergency department wait time more than 24 hours to 31 March 2019; and the hospitals in which the wait occurred. — Stephen Donnelly. [15926/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours being provided in each LHO area to 31 March 2019; the number of persons on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0-3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months plus, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15927/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance attendances at each emergency department nationwide in March 2018; and the number of such ambulances that waited longer than 20, 40, 60, 90, 120 and 180 minutes to hand over patients, get their trolleys back and return to responding to calls in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [15928/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health the number of spinal fusion patients currently waiting less than four, four to eight, and more than eight months for Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin and Temple Street Children's University Hospital at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available respectively in tabular form; and if he will provide the same information for other spinal patients. — Stephen Donnelly. [15929/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Stephen Donnelly. [15930/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and

the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Stephen Donnelly. [15931/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an audiology appointment in primary care; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available. — Stephen Donnelly. [15932/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a dietetics appointment in primary care; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available. — Stephen Donnelly. [15933/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an oral health appointment in primary care at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Stephen Donnelly. [15934/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a speech and language assessment in primary care at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Stephen Donnelly. [15935/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a speech and language therapy appointment in primary care at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Stephen Donnelly. [15936/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an occupational therapy appointment in primary care at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Stephen Donnelly. [15937/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a physiotherapy appointment in primary care at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Stephen Donnelly. [15938/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in the first year and a full year to provide free dental care for all children under six years of age; the estimated cost for free dental care for all children up to 16 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [15944/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in the first year and a full year to provide free dental care for older persons and those living in residential facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [15945/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours being provided in each local health area at the end of March 2019; and the number of hours being directly provided by the HSE and by contracted private health care companies respectively. — Mary Butler. [15949/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities in receipt of home support hours in each LHO area in tabular form at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; the number of persons on the waiting list for same in each LHO area in tabular form; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15955/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities in receipt of personal assistance hours in each LHO area at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available in tabular form; the number of persons on the waiting list for same in each LHO area in tabular form; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15956/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO1 at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 18, 18 to 24 and more than 24 months, respectively. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15957/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO2 at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 18, 18 to 24 and more than 24 months, respectively. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15958/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO3 at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 18, 18 to 24 and more than 24 months, respectively. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15959/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO4 at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 18, 18 to 24 and more than 24 months respectively. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15960/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO5 at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 18, 18 to 24 and more than 24 months respectively. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15961/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO6 at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 18, 18 to 24 and more than 24 months respectively. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15962/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO7 at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 18, 18 to 24 and more than 24 months respectively. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15963/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO8 at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 18, 18 to 24 and more than 24 months respectively. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15964/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO9 at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 18, 18 to 24 and more than 24 months respectively. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15965/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential places for persons with a disability being provided at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available by CHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15966/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency places provided to persons with a disability to date in 2019 by CHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15967/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new home supports for emergency cases to date in 2019 by CHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15968/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Health the number of in-home respite supports for emergency cases to date in 2019, by CHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15969/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons moved on from a congregated setting to date in 2019, by CHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15970/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with a disability in receipt of work work-like activity services ID autism and physical and sensory disability to date in 2019, by CHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15971/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities in receipt of rehabilitation training to date in 2019 by CHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15972/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with a disability in receipt of other day services excluding rehabilitation training and work work-like activities adult ID autism and physical and sensory disability to date in 2019 by CHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15973/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Health the number of day only respite sessions accessed by persons with a disability to date in 2019, by CHO area. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15974/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Health the number of overnights with or without day respite accessed by persons with a disability to date in 2019, by CHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15975/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with a disability in receipt of respite services ID autism and physical and sensory disability to date in 2019 by CHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [15976/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE is in receipt of an application from an organisation (details supplied) for assistance towards the purchase of a wheelchair for a person; the waiting list for wheelchair assistance; if this person will receive funding in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [15995/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a medical card has not issued in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15999/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a medical card has not issued in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16013/19]

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

*253. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS payment will issue to a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in issuing same to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [15683/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and percentage of women on each State board under the remit of his Department on 8 March 2016 and 8 March 2019, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15700/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties being experienced by farmers in County Donegal when trying to procure the services of vets particularly with respect to out-of-hours farm visits; his views on whether the ongoing shortage of qualified vets is also leading to succession issues in rural veterinary practices; his plans to introduce a dedicated rural support scheme to incentivise practitioners to remain in rural practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15719/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the assistance that can be given to farmers that are in the suckler farming business that wish to opt-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15741/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for testing and culling of deer here in view of another outbreak of tuberculosis in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15760/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the minutes of the coursing monitoring committee for 2018 will be made available. — Clare Daly. [15765/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); if same will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [15777/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has applied to the EU for the available financial assistance for training officials in performing sanitary and phytosanitary controls as indicated in an EU communication (details supplied); and if preparations are in place for a no-deal Brexit in view of the completion of preparations by the EU for a possible no-deal scenario on 12 April 2019. — Charlie McConalogue. [15783/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the barriers for beef exports to Iran in view of the fact that a veterinary health certificate for the export of beef was agreed in 2013. — Charlie McConalogue. [15784/19]

*262. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on proposals by an organisation (details supplied) to expand lairage capacity at a location. — Charlie McConalogue. [15785/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a reduction to the minimum loan amount from €50,000 for primary agriculture under the future growth loan scheme will be considered in view of the fact that it will be in excess of many requirements for farmers according to a farm organisation (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [15786/19]

*264. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to make provision for working capital to farmers available in a new loan scheme in view of the fact that both the SME working capital Brexit loan scheme and the future growth loan scheme do not allow farmers to drawdown funds for working capital; and if farmers will be permitted to apply to the SME working capital loan scheme in view of the low drawdown of funds to date. — Charlie McConalogue. [15787/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the annual budget allocation to the inshore fisheries conservation scheme in each year since it was established by county in tabular form; the actual annual breakdown of expenditure incurred for each year by county; the 2019 budget allocation; and the number of scheme participants in each year by county. — Charlie McConalogue. [15788/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the Marine Institute to carry out a study into the stock levels for each specific fishing stock species in territorial waters within 0 to 6 nautical miles of the coast; and the estimated cost of such an exercise. — Charlie McConalogue. [15789/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the issues discussed at the recent Agriculture and Fisheries Council meeting regarding the CAP proposals published in June 2018; his views on the proposed convergence in payments to the national average by 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [15790/19]

*268. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average support by hectare under pillar 1 direct payments by county based on the latest available data; the euro per farm holding in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [15791/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the national average payment in terms of euros per hectare for the basic payment and greening schemes in each year to date of the 2014 to 2020 CAP in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [15792/19]

*270. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of recipients of the 2018 basic payment scheme with payment entitlements with an initial unit value less than 90% of the scheme national average by county; and the number in each county that have to date reached 60% or above of the scheme national average based on latest data. — Charlie McConalogue. [15793/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an analysis has been carried out to date in terms of a higher payment per hectare for small and medium-sized farmers per the complementary redistributive income support Article 26; the potential impact on applicants since

the EU Commission published CAP regulation COM 2018 392 final on 1 June 2018; and if not, the reason therefor. — Charlie McConalogue. [15794/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if analysis has been carried out to date in terms of a higher payment per hectare for young farmers that have newly set-up under the complementary redistributive income support article 26; the potential impact on applicants since the EU Commission published CAP regulation COM 2018 392 final on 1 June 2018; and if not, the reason therefor. — Charlie McConalogue. [15795/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an analysis has been carried out to date on the operability and impact on applicants in terms of introducing a voluntary scheme for the climate and the environment eco-schemes per article 28 of the CAP regulation COM 2018 392 final since published by the EU Commission on 1 June 2018; and if not, the reason therefor. — Charlie McConalogue. [15796/19]

*274. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an analysis has been carried out to date comparing the operability and the potential impact on applicants of a payments structure based on either the amount of support per hectare article 18 or continuation of payment entitlements article 19 as provided under the mandatory basic income support for sustainability as outlined by the EU Commission in the proposed regulation COM 2018 392 final published on 1 June 2018. — Charlie McConalogue. [15797/19]

*275. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an analysis has been carried out including the impact on applicants to date with respect to the value of payment entitlements and convergence in which all payment entitlements must have a value of at least 75% of the average planned unit amount for the basic income support for claim year 2026 as proposed under article 20 of EU Commission published CAP regulation COM 2018 392 final published on 1 June 2018; if not, the reason therefor; and if analysis has been carried out to date on convergence of entitlements above 75% of the average planned unit amount. — Charlie McConalogue. [15798/19]

*276. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 224 of 27 March 2019, if there are circumstances by which the commence after date can be deferred for a short period (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15941/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the appeals process for aquaculture licences is taking so long; the expected timeframe for decisions on applications; and if the decisions will be expedited (details supplied). — Brendan Griffin. [15981/19]

*278. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a briefing request for a person (details supplied) will be accommodated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16026/19]

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

*279. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans for grant funding to be provided to home dwellers to insulate their houses using Irish wool (details supplied) in view of the number of houses here that have poor BER ratings; the similar initiatives that could help to revive the prospects of the sheep and wool sector here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [15693/19]

*280. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if it is planned to extend high-speed fibre broadband to a household (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15681/19]

*281. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when a person (details supplied) will be issued with an eircode; the reason for the delay in issuing same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15688/19]

*282. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number and percentage of women on each State board under the remit of his Department on 8 March 2016 and 8 March 2019, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15703/19]

*283. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason SEAI will no longer deal with enquiries from Deputies on behalf of constituents in relation to insulation grant applications. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15734/19]

*284. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his communication with the European Commission in relation to the inclusion of the midlands region on the EU coal regions in transition platform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [15754/19]

*285. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of plans to introduce a nationwide ban on smoky coal. — Robert Troy. [15811/19]

*286. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if consideration has been given to introducing a certification system for wood which could ensure that only suitable wood is sold for burning. — Robert Troy. [15812/19]

*287. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to revalidate the business case for the National Broadband Plan to ensure that it will deliver good value for money in view of the fact that the evaluation of the State intervention area is out of date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [15825/19]

*288. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has clarified with a company (details supplied) the number of properties now connected to fibre rather than passed in view of the removal of 300,000 properties from the National Broadband Plan as part of the fibre roll out plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [15826/19]

*289. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his Department has engaged with providers (details supplied) and discussed these technologies and their advancements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [15827/19]

*290. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his Department has engaged with hotels and large businesses in rural areas that have chosen to keep their business with their local provider rather than switching to fibre even though it may run past their front doors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [15828/19]

*291. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the rationale regarding the approval of the move from a company (details supplied) to an organisation; if the organisation can be invited to the Oireachtas Committee of Public Accounts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [15829/19]

*292. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding provided to projects by his Department or agencies under the aegis of his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, respectively in tabular form; if the funding has been allocated; and if it has been drawn down in each case. — Tom Neville. [15852/19]

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

*293. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider funding all proposed safety improvement locations in County Limerick as proposed by Limerick City and County Council; and the proposed date of sanctioning funding for such projects. — Tom Neville. [15682/19]

*294. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number and percentage of women on each State board under the remit of his Department on 8 March 2016 and 8 March 2019, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15715/19]

*295. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the report on the Maritime Transport Forum 2008 can be accessed on the website of his Department; if not, if it will be made available; and if there are developments or public documents on the issues persons with disabilities experience at ports here since 2008. — Eamon Ryan. [15736/19]

*296. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of bicycle lockers available at public transport stations here; the cost of providing such lockers in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [15762/19]

*297. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if cost estimates have been provided in terms of replacing trees that will be removed as part of the BusConnects plan. — Robert Troy. [15763/19]

*298. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to support the expansion of the public piano initiative in public transport stations nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15799/19]

*299. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the rules governing warning signage for speed check vans will be clarified; and if under European law there is a necessity to have three warning signs on the approach road to a speed check van. — Robert Troy. [15979/19]

*300. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the Bus Éireann fleet nationally by depot; and the average age profile of the Bus Éireann fleet by coach, city and town bus fleet by depot. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [15985/19]

*301. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the fact that the National Transport Authority has failed to supply new double decker coaches to Bus Éireann at Capwell, County Cork (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [15986/19]

*302. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the work of both Bus Éireann management and staff in County Cork in attempting to provide a reliable bus service despite the failure of the National Transport Authority to supply adequate resources will be acknowledged. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [15987/19]

*303. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the most recent time the National Transport Authority and Bus Éireann undertook a review of the accessible routes on the Bus Éireann network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [15988/19]

*304. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress of the NTA in supplying Bus Éireann with the audio files to facilitate audio announcements on Bus Éireann services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [15989/19]

*305. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the National Transport Authority has supplied him with evidence of consultation with disabled persons on the future purchase of buses that are accessible to all in order to prevent a repeat of events (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [15990/19]

*306. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress of a bus shelter for south bound passengers in a location (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [15991/19]

*307. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if an executive summary of the key findings made by a recent external oversight audit conducted on the role of the Irish Aviation Authority as competent authority for aviation security here will be made publicly available; if he has been provided with a briefing on the matter; his views on the matter; when the summary will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [15993/19]

*308. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the newly enhanced security arrangements introduced at airports on 30 January 2019 in relation to the requirement of airport police and officials of the Revenue Commissioners to be screened each time while passing between landside to airside also apply equally to members of the US transportation security staff stationed at airports here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [15994/19]

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

*309. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number and percentage of women on each State board under the remit of her Department on 8 March 2016 and 8 March 2019, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15702/19]

*310. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if an overage exemption will be reconsidered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15782/19]

*311. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when the final report on illegal birth registrations will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15803/19]

*312. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way in which supervision of the arrangement is managed in relation to the thirteen children in foster care outside the country and by whom with particular reference to facilitating contact with their family of origin. — Clare Daly. [15856/19]

*313. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way in which children are kept in contact with their families when they are placed in residential units in the United Kingdom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [15857/19]

*314. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the purpose and function of the City of Dublin Youth Services Board; the number of staff employed by job title and grade; the number of staff on secondment or career break by title and grade; and the number of staff that are bilocated. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [15942/19]

*315. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of groups (details supplied) registered with the City of Dublin Youth Services Board; and the number of new groups registered in 2018. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [15943/19]

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

*316. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a series of matters in relation to the impositions being placed on voluntary community organisations (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [15764/19]

*317. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the options he is considering for 12 volunteer centres that are funded below €121,016 which is the recommended amount identified by the report Developing Funding Criteria for Volunteer Centres in Ireland; and the timeline for considering and delivering on those options. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15696/19]

*318. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number and percentage of women on each State board under the remit of his Department on 8 March 2016 and 8 March 2019, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15714/19]

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

*319. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on a jobseeker’s benefit appeal in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15686/19]

*320. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a response will issue in the case of a back to education allowance for a person (details supplied). — Bríd Smith. [15691/19]

*321. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number and percentage of women on each State board under the remit of her Department on 8 March 2016 and 8 March 2019, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15707/19]

*322. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if all arrears have issued in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [15752/19]

*323. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is not receiving one full payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15758/19]

*324. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of her engagements with stakeholders as committed to in the Social Welfare, Pensions and Civil Registration Act 2018 in relation to adequacy of social welfare payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15759/19]

*325. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is entitled to a review of their pension payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [15761/19]

*326. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the details of the 92 written submissions that emerged from the public consultation of the Gender Recognition Review group the report of which was published in June 2018; if the written submissions were from persons or organisations; the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15773/19]

*327. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision in respect of an appeal will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15778/19]

*328. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if proposals (details supplied) will be considered for 2020 for contributory pension requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15810/19]

*329. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding budget increases. — Robert Troy. [15863/19]

*330. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a carer's benefit by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15978/19]

*331. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if eligibility for disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16000/19]

*332. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will be offered disability allowance until their health has improved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16002/19]

*333. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the correct level of rent support payable in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16005/19]

*334. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an exceptional needs payment will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16009/19]

*335. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the level of jobseeker's allowance being paid in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16011/19]

*336. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which she has direct contact with other jurisdictions with which a bilateral arrangement for social welfare exists with particular reference to the need to ensure a smooth and expeditious process in dealing with claims particularly in circumstances in which contributions in two or more jurisdictions arise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16014/19]

*337. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she can take to ensure the minimum waiting time for dealing with appeals having particular regard to the hardship caused to those awaiting decisions over long periods resulting in some cases homelessness and desperation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16015/19]

*338. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent of long-term unemployment here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16016/19]

*339. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which due process and natural justice remains paramount in the context of dealing with social welfare recipients whose cases come under review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16017/19]

*340. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an extension of employment will be facilitated for participants in community employment schemes in which sponsors are anxious that they continue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16018/19]

*341. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she continues to take to ensure against the occurrence of overpayments that result in recovery and consequent hardship with particular reference to cases in which the overpayment was not as a result of an oversight or negligence on the part of the applicant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16019/19]

*342. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which progress continues to be made in addressing the issue by which women have been deprived of contributory pensions having retired from the workplace while raising their families due to the marriage ban and that have made a major contribution to society in the course of their working lives; if their cases are being re-examined with a view to crediting them with sufficient contributions to enable them qualify for the State or retirement pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16020/19]

*343. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which she continues to ensure that undue hardship is not caused to recipients of social welfare payments in cases in which payments have been suspended while under review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16021/19]

*344. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applications for jobseeker's allowance received in each of the past five years to date; the number

approved and rejected, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16022/19]

*345. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applications for a State pension (non-contributory) received in each of the past five years to date; the number approved and rejected, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16023/19]

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

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the maximum depth allowable for excavation of a quarry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [15983/19]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the legislative review process regarding the holding of plebiscites by certain local authorities; when the associated regulations will be laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas for consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [15687/19]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number and percentage of women on each State board under the remit of his Department on 8 March 2016 and 8 March 2019, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15711/19]

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a meter swap out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15720/19]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason Ireland has not signed up to Article 31 of the European Social Charter; the work being undertaken to ensure that ratification of this article is being progressed; and when Ireland will be in a position to ratify the article. — Darragh O'Brien. [15739/19]

*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the recent report of the UN special rapporteur (details supplied) on the right to adequate housing; his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15769/19]

*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding provided for the Traveller Accommodation Programme to Tipperary County Council in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15770/19]

*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to extend the rent pressure zone designation periods beyond three years in Dublin and Cork from December 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [15800/19]

*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to publish the annual breakdown of expenditure on homeless services for 2018; and the reason for the delay in the publication of this report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15802/19]

*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of homeless children here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [14604/19]

*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if funding is available to local authorities in respect of extensions to local authority houses based on medical circumstances and overcrowding; if so, the percentage at which the funding is provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15864/19]

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

*357. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number and percentage of women on each State board under the remit of her Department on 8 March 2016 and 8 March 2019, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15704/19]

*358. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the report by Ireland on the conservation status of listed species as required by EU Directive 92/43/EEC due in 2019; if work on this report has commenced; when it will be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [15756/19]

*359. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the burning season will be extended (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15819/19]

