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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the President of the European Council, Mr. Donald Tusk. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15015/19]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he has had recent discussions with President Macron of France; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [11990/19]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mr. Donald Tusk; the persons that attended the meeting; and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [13887/19]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mr. Donald Tusk on 19 March 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [13955/19]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with Mr. Donald Tusk. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13970/19]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he and Mr. Donald Tusk discussed various scenarios on Brexit and the withdrawal treaty; and if they discussed the length of the extension to Article 50. — Micheál Martin. [14281/19]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to Mr. Donald Tusk since 27 March 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [15113/19]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to Paris and his meeting with the French President, Mr. Emmanuel Macron on 2 April 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [15750/19]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with President Tusk or Mr. Michel Barnier since 1 April 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [16355/19]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the meeting he attended with President Macron; the persons that attended on both sides; the issues that were discussed; the responses that were made; and the actions that will be taken. — Micheál Martin. [16361/19]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meetings or conversations with the President of France, Mr. Emmanuel Macron. — Eamon Ryan. [16387/19]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with President Macron. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16403/19]

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

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the German Chancellor, Mrs. Angela Merkel in Dublin on 4 April 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [15751/19]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the Chancellor of Germany, Mrs. Angela Merkel. — Eamon Ryan. [16386/19]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with Chancellor Merkel. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16402/19]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Chancellor Merkel; and the issues that were discussed in relation to Brexit and the Border. — Micheál Martin. [16666/19]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with the leader of the DUP since 29 March 2019; and if there were discussions on the plans to protect the single market post 12 April 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [16357/19]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

40. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee E (Health) last met. — Joan Burton. [16348/19]

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

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

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

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

45. To ask the Taoiseach the role his Department is playing in preparing for a hard Brexit. — Joan Burton. [16347/19]

46. To ask the Taoiseach the role of his Department in preparing for a hard Brexit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16401/19]

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

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

49. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with Prime Minister May since 29 March 2019; and if officials on his behalf have spoken with British officials in relation to plans post 12 April 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [16356/19]

50. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to Prime Minister May since she made her public announcement in relation to reaching out to the Labour Party on 2 April 2019. — Micheál Martin. [16362/19]

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

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

53. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee C (European Union including Brexit) last met. — Brendan Howlin. [16384/19]

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

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

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

57. To ask the Taoiseach the number of FOI requests received by his Department to date in 2019; and the number of requests fully and partially refused, respectively. — Joan Burton. [16349/19]

58. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee F (National Security) last met. — Micheál Martin. [16364/19]

59. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for a new covenant between Church and State. — Eamon Ryan. [16388/19]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

60. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding status of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [16449/19]

61. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason for the significant variance in the cost of the management and maintenance in the first tranche of social housing PPP programme bundle contract compared with similar projects being delivered by an approved housing body or a local authority; and his plans to review these costs before further social housing PPP contracts are entered into. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16709/19]

62. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the development of a special purpose vehicle by the Irish Council for Social Housing for the investment of funds in social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [16450/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the oversight or review role his Department has with respect to the Shannon to Dublin pipeline project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16677/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if legislation will be brought forward to statutorily declare a homeless and housing emergency in view of the homeless figures of over 10,000 persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [16664/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

65. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which he plans to reduce the social housing waiting lists particularly in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [15745/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties encountered in a number of towns nationally in obtaining planning permission for housing developments due to the density restrictions in Ireland 2040; if clarification will be issued to planning authorities in relation to densities that are appropriate to towns and cities, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [16328/19]

67. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the implications of rent and house price costs and mortgage costs for public sector workers; his views on the lack of affordable housing for low paid public sector workers in particular members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [10637/19]

68. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to publish the 31 vacant site levy implementation progress reports he has received from local authorities; if he has considered changes or amendments to the vacant site levy further to the information contained in such reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [16352/19]

69. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on whether a review of legislation is required to ensure greater fixture of tenure and greater limitations on multiple evictions in view of the developments at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16380/19]

70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to extend rent pressure zone designation periods beyond three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [16253/19]

71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a consultative forum will be convened for representatives from the Pyrite Resolution Board, Housing Association and Deputies from the areas affected to review existing pyrite legislation and operation of the remediation scheme. — Clare Daly. [16333/19]

72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to publish the review on the tenant purchase (incremental) scheme 2016; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16336/19]

73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the significant increase in the number of institutional investors in the residential property market and the impact this is having on security of tenure and affordability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16413/19]

74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the affordable home scheme; the number of sites identified; the timeframe for delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [16254/19]

75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when new legislation to establish cross boundary committees will be published in view of the commitment given by the Minister of State to Dáil Éireann on 13 December 2018 during the report stage of the Local Government Act 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15729/19]

76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will provide a full report on the involvement of the Land Development Agency in the development of public housing on a site (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16406/19]

77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his officials have been working with other Departments in relation to the special purpose vehicle for credit unions to be allowed to lend money to housing associations for social housing. — Michael Moynihan. [10601/19]

78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the role he is playing to facilitate the construction of affordable housing on State owned land; the number of housing units built on such land to date; the proportion of units that are deemed affordable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [10566/19]

79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the ongoing delay in bringing forward the quality standards and inspection regime for emergency homeless accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16410/19]

80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which the strategic housing development legislation is contributing to the provision of affordable housing in particular in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16408/19]

81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position regarding affordable housing availability and discounts on house prices in developments assisted by LIHAF funding and infrastructure. — Thomas Byrne. [16061/19]

82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the review of the tenant purchase scheme will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [16250/19]

83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he is taking to reduce the length of time that local authorities have to wait for final Departmental approval to proceed with housing schemes that are built within their functional area. — Brian Stanley. [16293/19]

84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the contacts his Department has had with Dublin City Council in relation to the delivery of social housing targets in 2018 and to date in 2019; if the council needs further emergency powers to meet those targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [15746/19]

85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which affordable homes would be delivered nationally further to his recent circular on affordable housing criteria to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16405/19]

86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the annual growth of local authority housing lists has been accurately established with a view to ensuring the provision of an adequate number of local authority direct build houses on an annual basis thereby ensuring waiting lists do not expand further; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16395/19]

87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the review of the criteria for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; when he plans to publish the result of the review; his plans to ensure the long-term viability and success of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16369/19]

88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has met with either Cavan or Monaghan county councils to discuss social housing strategies; the housing targets for new builds in both counties for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16160/19]

89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the difference in the exact powers of the newly proposed directly elected mayors for Cork, Limerick and Waterford and the functions currently conducted by mayors. — Shane Cassells. [16414/19]

90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the fact that 12,474 rental properties have been lost to the private rental sector since January 2017; and the steps he will take to address this disorderly exit of rental properties from the market. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16409/19]

91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of houses acquired or purchased by Cavan and Monaghan county councils in each of the years 2013 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16161/19]

92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when new and existing applicants in County Meath will be able to avail of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme. — Thomas Byrne. [16060/19]

93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the review of the taking-in-charge initiative measure two will be published; the timeframe for the reopening of applications; the level of funding that will be available in measure two; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16368/19]

94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the findings of a recent report that found 80% of students living in purpose built student bed spaces in Dublin were international students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16372/19]

95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he is taking to accelerate the building of social housing provided by local authorities. — Brian Stanley. [16294/19]

96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on whether housing policy may be contributing to the increased number in homelessness; if he will consider re-examining the recommendations made by the Oireachtas Committee on Housing and Homelessness in 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [16354/19]

97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties for communities in the Dublin Docklands area due to pressure from developers to increase heights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [16370/19]

98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason the number of voids restored to use is no longer counted in the housing delivery statistical comparisons with previous years; the reason the number approved for 2018 is considerably lower than in previous years; his plans to change the way in which local authorities are assisted in bringing their own empty properties back into use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [16329/19]

99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans for raising the income eligibility criteria for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16404/19]

100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will reconsider his opposition to establishing a latent defects redress fund in view of media reports in relation to another development (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [16411/19]

101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the increased number of bulk sales of apartments by developers to REITS or investment funds; his plans to counter this and the effect it has on the first time buyers and rental markets; if he has had discussions with his colleague the Minister for Finance with regard to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [16351/19]

102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will reassess the National Development Plan 2018-2027 and Project Ireland 2040 for climate impact following the report of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Climate Action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [16389/19]

103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of the proposed MICA redress scheme; the date in 2019 from which homes will begin to be repaired under same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [16180/19]

104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position regarding the review of Schedules 3 and 4 of the Valuation Act 2001; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [16417/19]

105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he is satisfied with the level of staffing in housing departments in local authorities. — Clare Daly. [16334/19]

106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he is taking to ensure that rural dwellers continue to have the opportunity to build homes in their own local communities including the planning permission guidelines for one-off houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [16397/19]

107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the review of the income eligibility limits for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [16251/19]

108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the establishment of the MICA redress scheme; the proposed commencement date of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [16179/19]

109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when new rural housing guidelines will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [16252/19]

110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has considered the report, Safe As Houses? A Report on Building Standards, Building Controls & Consumer Protection, by the Joint Committee on Housing, Planning and Local Government; his plans to implement a redress scheme supported by an industry levy, interest free loans or tax deduction with regard to building deficiencies in apartment blocks as suggested by the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [16353/19]

111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the fact that investment and private equity firms are buying entire new apartment developments; if he has had discussions with his Ministerial colleagues on addressing the advantages these firms have in order to ensure a level playing field for other potential purchasers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [16330/19]

112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress he has made in securing more funding for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; the way in which local authorities are dealing with applications in cases in which they have run out of funding for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [16332/19]

113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the public information campaigns and engagement meetings he has conducted to date in order to inform persons of the detailed proposals being put forward for directly elected mayors in Cork, Limerick and Waterford; and the public meetings scheduled from 9 April 2019 until polling day on 24 May 2019. — Shane Cassells. [16415/19]

114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a review of the rights of tenants to improve rent certainty will be supported in view of the mass evictions taking place at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16381/19]

115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which he plans to reverse the rise in the number of families and persons becoming homeless; if further measures will be introduced to assist persons to remain in their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [16331/19]

116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to approve mixed social and cost-rental housing on land (details supplied); the way in which it would be funded; and the timeline for delivery of such developments. — Eamon Ryan. [16390/19]

117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has considered examining lowering the site size in relation to the vacant site levy which sits at 0.05 hectares in view of the fact that over 160 sites were identified by Dublin City Council as being vacant but were under 0.05 hectares; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [16350/19]

118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to tackle commercial vacancy rates particularly in the north-west in which counties Sligo and Leitrim have the highest commercial vacancy rates in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [15747/19]

119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress that has been made regarding the provision of serviced sites as outlined in Project Ireland 2040; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [16375/19]

120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position regarding entry level rents for cost rental projects (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16412/19]

121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the level of discount from market value he expects to achieve for affordable houses being provided and supported with funding from the Serviced Sites Fund and the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund; the number of houses to be provided by each fund in 2019 and 2020, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16373/19]

122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount of local authority owned potential building lands available for local authority affordable housing in the

greater Dublin area with particular reference to those counties immediately adjacent to Dublin; if particular reasons have emerged which might inhibit progress of a major house building campaign to meet the demands of the local authority waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16396/19]

123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has considered legislation that would protect small low-rise communities from losing sunlight from their homes and communities due to high-rise development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16407/19]

124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which he can address the lengthy maintenance turnaround time for local authority properties before they can be allocated to new tenants while ensuring all best practices are followed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [16371/19]

125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans publishing the new rural housing guidelines in view of the Flemish Decree judgement; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16335/19]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*126. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the EU policy coherence unit in his Department; the number of staff allocated to same; and if this has increased in the past two years. — Michael Moynihan. [16358/19]

*127. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which the EU policy coherence unit provides a whole-of-Government approach in EU policies. — Michael Moynihan. [16359/19]

*128. To ask the Taoiseach 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. — Denis Naughten. [16027/19]

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

*129. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of light tactical armoured vehicles purchased for the Defence Forces in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; the number withdrawn during the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16248/19]

*130. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the estimated full year cost if the budget for the Civil Defence increased by 12.5%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16249/19]

*131. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will respond to correspondence previously sent (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [16496/19]

*132. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of Irish military personnel deployed on UN missions abroad; the details of the missions; and the military rank of each. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16637/19]

*133. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the details of his itinerary while he was visiting Irish soldiers on the Golan Heights and in the region. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16638/19]

*134. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the communications he has had with the UN in relation to the shortfall in numbers in the UN Mission on the Golan Heights; if the shortfall in numbers has increased the workload and duties of Irish soldiers; and if those extra duties and so on are not compromising the health or security of Irish soldiers in the region. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16639/19]

*135. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if in the context of a further organisational review of Defence Forces facilities and the utilisation thereof, it is planned to reopen Columb Barracks, Mullingar for troop deployments and accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [16661/19]

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

*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Uighur population in north western China is facing persecution; the steps taken by the international community to prevent same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16139/19]

*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has formally raised his concerns with the Brunei authorities the opposition of Ireland to the new laws being implemented targeting the LGBT community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16140/19]

*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views in relation to the possibility of direct rule returning to Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [16153/19]

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will allocate a first secretary post to the Irish embassies in Pretoria, South Africa and the Hague, The Netherlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16246/19]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the migration policy of the EU and conditions in Libyan detention centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16312/19]

*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of plans to deal with the undocumented Irish since the series of St. Patrick's Day visits. — Michael Moynihan. [16360/19]

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has raised with his UK counterpart the need for a summit level British-Irish intergovernmental conference. — Brendan Howlin. [16385/19]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which the EU policy coherence unit aims to protect the single market in the event of a hard Brexit. — Michael Moynihan. [16359/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*144. To ask the Minister for Finance if persons that are eligible for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme for the purchase of a new build home are also not eligible for the help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [16315/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Finance when cases (details supplied) will be decided upon by the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16045/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of additional customs officials of the Revenue Commissioners that have been hired; the number that will be in place by 12 April 2019; the locations and offices to which the additional staff have been posted in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [16088/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether banks should be compelled to charge all transaction fees at the point of purchase in the interest of transparency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16143/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason certain banks are allowed discriminate in their fee structures against customers with less than a certain amount in their account by imposing fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16144/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Finance the position of Ireland with regard to the financial transaction tax that has been proposed by France and Germany as a measure to bridge the EU budget gap due to Brexit and provide for a specific Eurozone budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [16170/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Finance the yield that would arise from a financial transaction tax based on the French model on Irish transactions levied at a rate of 0.1% on share and bond transactions and 0.01% on derivative products; the way in which the French proposal differs from the Irish stamp duty regime that applies only to share transactions on Irish incorporated companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [16171/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the probe carried out by the Revenue Commissioners into reports that cost of living increases due to those holding private pensions were not paid by some insurance companies under schemes, including those for which an annuity was paid and which required such cost of living increases to be paid to those pension holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [16195/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Finance if the option of granting the VAT refund to persons buying disability aids in advance of purchase will be examined (details supplied); if the barrier the post purchase refund has on persons with disabilities will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [16202/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of the new 600 customs officers in operation on 29 March 2019; the number that are in place as of 2 April 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [16211/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is a legal requirement for the Revenue Commissioners to issue P60s by 15 February; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16217/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Finance if the files of persons (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [16240/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount he expects to spend on making Ireland Brexit ready for each of the next ten years; the estimated financial implications of Brexit for the next ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [16383/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Finance the regulation in relation to retailers being able to charge a fee if a credit card transaction is under approximately €5 in some instances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [16433/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Finance the economic sectors that continue to avail of a reduced VAT rate of 9%; the estimated revenue that would be generated from the restoration of the VAT rate to 13.5% for those sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16455/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that could be raised by abolishing the Special Assignee Relief Programme introduced in 2014 to provide a tax reduction to high earners that locate here for work purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16456/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that could be raised from eliminating the refundable nature of the unused element of the research and development tax credit for corporations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16457/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the Office of the Revenue Commissioners in Sligo will not accept customer appointments; if he will investigate same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [16461/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of properties exempt from the local property tax by each exemption type; if the exemptions are time limited in legislation; when the exemptions are set to expire; his plans to extend the exemptions in 2019; if legislation will be required in each case to extend the exemption; the number of properties that are now exempt but will no longer be exempt by the end of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [16497/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Finance the location in which the original version of SI No. 125 of 2009 is kept. — Peadar Tóibín. [16502/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to a House of Lords inquiry that has concluded that the accounting profession has given illegal advice on the application of the international financial reporting standards; if he has been briefed or sought consultation regarding the implications for Irish banks in the context of them revising their published accounts to reflect

the fact that some Irish banks may be accounting for non-performing loans incorrectly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [16631/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Finance if the change made in the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Act 2019 which increased to €175 the threshold required to avail of duty free shopping will only come into force when the section is commenced; his plans in this regard; the reason the change was made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16696/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of goods-import transactions and goods-export transactions, respectively in 2018 in relation to Irish-UK trade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [16744/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of goods-import transactions for companies, individuals and firms in 2018 in relation to Irish-UK trade; the number of goods-export transactions for companies, individuals and firms for the same year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [16745/19]

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

*168. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when he plans to implement the Labour Court recommendation in respect of the pension entitlements of community employment supervisors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16067/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the financial shared services project being delivered under the National Shared Services Office; if the project is being fully resourced in both financial and human terms; and if the project will be delivered on time. — Louise O'Reilly. [16588/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of economic operators that have been disqualified from public tenders on the basis of the abnormally low tender provisions as per under article 69 of 2014/24/EU; and the number of economic operators that have made a claim against the State after being disqualified from public tenders on the basis of the abnormally low tender provisions under the article. — Jonathan O'Brien. [16084/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the provisions contained in the Public Service Retirement Age – Report to Oireachtas 2019 in respect of public servants forced to retire between 6 December 2017 and the commencement of the Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act 2018; the reason for not making changes to the arrangements of those working under the interim arrangements that will be forced to retire when they reach 66 years of age; his views on whether those affected are not being treated on an equal basis to their colleagues that can stay working until 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [16134/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of progress being made for flood prevention in Cork city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [16155/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of Glashaboy flood relief scheme; when the formal confirmation as required under the Arterial Drainage Act 1945

to enable public procurement will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [16205/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the additional funding required for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme will be decided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [16230/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount the OPW spent on refurbishment to both Coolock and Raheny Garda stations in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16236/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to update the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [16247/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount he expects to spend on making Ireland Brexit ready for each of the next ten years; the estimated financial implications of Brexit for the next ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [16394/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the contract award price for all public contracts awarded to companies (details supplied) over €10 million including road, sanitary, housing or works; the type of procurement contract; the full value of all claims submitted by the companies prior to negotiation or evaluation; the full value of all claims as settled and paid to the companies in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [16459/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans in place for the refurbishment and or extension of Coolock Garda station; if a request has been made for upgrading, extension or refurbishment of the station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [16541/19]

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

*180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the case of schools (details supplied) that choose to withdraw their service during some of the summer months resulting in severe disruption for parents and family of the children attending these schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [16342/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the lengthy delays that students in Cork are experiencing in accessing mental health services within their campus which is reported to be three times longer than in other colleges nationally; and when these counselling services will be improved on-campus in view of the budgetary commitment (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [16556/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for a school (details supplied); the timeframe for the delivery of the project; when he plans to sanction approval for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [16031/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the funding allocation to the regional skills fora in 2019. — Billy Kelleher. [16037/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a purchase and planning application by a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [16044/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if school transport for a child (details supplied) with medical issues will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16059/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a new primary school for the Donabate area of County Dublin as announced in April 2018; if he has identified locations for the proposed school; if the school patronage has been decided upon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [16062/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a new agreement on employment conditions for school secretaries and caretakers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16063/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding is available for transport (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16079/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if teacher levels in a school (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16090/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if land has been secured for a new school building (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16093/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) can take a career break to study and work part-time. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16096/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if consideration will be given to an application for additional accommodation by a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [16099/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if career breaks for SNAs will be changed to allow them to work in other fields during their break; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16109/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if allowances will be made to allow SNAs to take a career break for upskilling and to work part-time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16110/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 292 of 26 March 2019, if the scheme applies to primary schools that teach music; if they can avail of funds for the provision of a range of equipment in the same way as post-primary schools; if County Limerick is included in a catchment area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [16119/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the process being led by a school (details supplied) regarding divestment. — Clare Daly. [16127/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the options open to parents that desire better non or multi-denominational education for their children if an association (details supplied) and the board of management are opposed to this divestment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [16128/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the recourse parents have when denied a NEPS assessment by a school principal; if there is no direct access given to a parent to a publicly funded assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [16162/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) was chosen for divestment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [16163/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application for school transport for children with special needs by a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [16166/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a scribe will be made available to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [16174/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider reviewing the teaching allocation given to physics (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [16220/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will engage with Fingal County Council and a landowner regarding a school safety issue (details supplied) in County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16223/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking in relation to an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16242/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the data used to decide for a new second-level school for the Curragh, Newbridge and Kildare areas in County Kildare will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16261/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeline to secure a site for the new second-level school to replace an existing school (details supplied); the timeline for the construction and opening of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16262/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the date by which the new school for the Newbridge and Kildare areas is required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16263/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the date of meetings that have taken place between his Department and the Department of Defence during which the location of the site for a school has been discussed. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16264/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the engagement between KWETB and educate together in relation to a collaborative partnership for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16265/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a child (details supplied) in County Cork is not being accommodated by the National Council for Special Education. — Sean Sherlock. [16277/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of negotiations with a union (details supplied) in regard to a new pay agreement for school secretaries paid through an ancillary grant; and if consideration will be given to expediting the operation of a new pay agreement in view of the poor pay and conditions of school secretaries employed through ancillary grants. — Clare Daly. [16287/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to progress the development of a school (details supplied) in view of the fact that it has been on the school building capital plan since 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16308/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a private room will be provided in relation to breast feeding breaks for registered teachers in recognised primary and post-primary schools (details supplied); and his plans to include SNAs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [16346/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the process in relation to the way in which a school will be chosen to be divested in the Malahide, Portmarnock and Kinsealy area particularly if each of the eight schools in question vote for their schools to remain with the current patron; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [16378/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will proceed with his plans to divest one of the eight existing national schools in the Kinsealy, Malahide and Portmarnock area when a school (details supplied) proposed for the Broomfield site in Malahide is built and running at capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [16379/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting since December 2018 for a Teaching Council number; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16393/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated first and full year costs of increasing the capitation grant at primary and secondary level by 5%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16458/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 300 and 301 of 26 March 2019 and in the context of the review processes referred to, his plans to hold a separate review for developing schools in May or June 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [16498/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if parents will have a vote on the question of patronage of their schools; the proportion that will determine the outcome; if parents will know the new patron in advance of a vote; if a vote is passed, the arrangements made to provide for the ethos based education originally selected by parents for their children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [16506/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 161 of 2 April 2019, the number of times this project has required retendering; the cost to date of the

planning and tendering process; the technical design related issues that are holding up the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16542/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for inclusion in the prefab replacement programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [16548/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeline for inclusion of a school (details supplied) in the prefab replacement programme; when work on replacing prefab structures which have been in place at the school for over thirty years will begin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [16549/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of replacing prefabs at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [16550/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applications made to the prefab replacement programme; the number of applications approved to date; the names of the successful schools; the cost of each completed prefab replacement by school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [16551/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a site has been found for a school (details supplied); if not, the arrangements which will be in place for pupils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [16552/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the lengthy delays that students in Cork are experiencing in accessing mental health services within their campus which is reported to be three times longer than in other colleges nationally; and when these counselling services will be improved on-campus in view of the budgetary commitment (details supplied). — Kevin O'Keeffe. [16555/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the information provided to parents in Malahide and Portmarnock in terms of the divestment survey process underway. — Thomas Byrne. [16563/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide teachers with resources and training to administer individual education planning for children with Down syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16567/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the review into the design and build programme commenced; and when it will conclude. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16568/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the schools in County Kildare that have no permanent site for which his Department is responsible for providing a permanent site. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16569/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the schools in County Laois that have no permanent site for which his Department is responsible for providing a permanent site. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16570/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason adult education tutors working for education and training boards are not recognised as teachers despite having teaching qualifications and Teaching Council registration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16574/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing situation in a school (details supplied) regarding the patronage of the school; if the results of the survey undertaken by the ETB will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16587/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if emergency works funding will be allocated to a school (details supplied) to allow for essential repairs to a roof; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [16591/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the interim accommodation solution arrived at for a new school (details supplied); when the new school will be enrolling pupils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [16603/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the patrons selected for schools (details supplied); if accommodation has been sourced for the schools; when the schools are expected to open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [16607/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) can transfer their permanent status from Dublin to County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16613/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if no professional accountancy body has been recognised under the national framework since November 2012. — Marc MacSharry. [16636/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if matters in relation to the July provision will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16644/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of new school buildings for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [16663/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the action he has taken on foot of the action plan on school aged childcare. — Thomas Byrne. [16719/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will release the findings of a survey that was conducted into schools in the Malahide and Portmarnock area with regard to potential divestment; and the way in which he envisages proceeding with the matter in view of the considerable chaos that has arisen as a result of the lack of information coming forward from his Department. — Clare Daly. [16737/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of secondary school places available in Waterford city and county for ETB schools; the number of secondary school pupils attending ETB secondary schools in Waterford city and county by school in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [16763/19]

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

*244. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress over the past twelve months on the implementation of United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [16087/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will be implemented fully; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [16176/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps taken to progress the implementation of the United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2018 in terms of proactive planning and allocation of resources and positive and measurable changes for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [16606/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of ATM thefts involving the removal of the ATM machine from a bank for each year since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [16338/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress of the inspection of places of detention Bill. — Clare Daly. [16097/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 285 of 18 December 2018 and 244 of 26 January 2019, if the application will be finalised for the naturalisation ceremony due to take place at the end of April 2019 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16149/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application for a new student scheme by a person (details supplied); when the application is likely to be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16167/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if appeals in respect of refusal of visa applications have been received in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16224/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he has taken to set up a public inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied) as per the vote of Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16238/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the length of time GSOC has taken to investigate complaints in relation to the investigation into the death of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16239/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the budget allocation for the maintenance and upgrade of the Garda CCTV system in each of the years 2017 to 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16241/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda CCTV cameras attached to each Garda CCTV camera location; if all of these CCTV cameras are fully operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16245/19]

*256. 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. [16257/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of a citizenship application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16266/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the length of time applications for citizenship are taking to process; if there are delays in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16267/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of vehicles seized from unaccompanied drivers in each month by county since the commencement of the Clancy amendment in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16299/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of vehicles seized from unaccompanied drivers in each month by Garda division since 22 December 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16300/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of vehicles detained under section 41 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; the reason for detainment in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16301/19]

*262. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the Garda PULSE system has been updated to allow for gardaí to report on vehicles seized from unaccompanied drivers; if not, when this change will be added to PULSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16302/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of times per year that the Garda PULSE system is shut down for updates; the improvements planned in this regard; his views in relation to the recording of road safety related data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16303/19]

*264. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the two extra weeks parental leave for parents in the first year of a child announced in Budget 2019; when the legislation to enact this measure will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16341/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which crime scene investigators within An Garda Síochána are being filled by civilians; his views on whether such civilianisation is appropriate in view of the legal powers required and nature of the work involved as a crime scene investigator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16345/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [16392/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he expects to introduce the gender pay gap information Bill. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16399/19]

*268. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he expects to introduce the redress for women resident in certain institutions (amendment) Bill. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16400/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to move Ireland to permanent summertime in 2021; the consultations which may take place nationally on this matter and with the UK to ensure a common time zone in the islands of Ireland and Great Britain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16425/19]

*270. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the grants available for neighbourhood watch groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16448/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the online booking system for appointments at the INIS Burgh Quay Immigration Office, Dublin 2; if his attention has been drawn to the waiting lists and extreme difficulty the public face when attempting to book an emergency appointment online for the office; his plans to overhaul the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [16500/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of fines for breaches of the Waste Management Act 1996 issued to persons for the use of non-registered waste disposal services in each of the years 2016 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [16540/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 217 and 219 of 2 April 2019, the reason the information sought is not readily available in view of the fact that such information was produced in response to Parliamentary Question No. 35 of 23 June 2011. — Clare Daly. [16565/19]

*274. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 102 of 21 February 2019, when a reply will be issued. — Clare Daly. [16625/19]

*275. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí and community police stationed at Blanchardstown Garda station, Dublin 15; the comparable figures for each of the past eight years; the number of gardaí that have retired from the station; the number of retired gardaí that have yet to be replaced at the station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [16627/19]

*276. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of senior gardaí allocated to community policing duties in Blanchardstown Garda station, Dublin 15 at present and for each of the past eight years; the number of gardaí with the rank of sergeant, inspector, chief inspector and superintendent that have been allocated specifically to community policing duties for each of the past eight years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [16628/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 will be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16720/19]

*278. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 229 of 2 April 2019, the number of cases (details supplied) to which the State is a notice party and has been a notice party since 2012; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16723/19]

*279. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí of each rank including community gardaí attached to stations (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16725/19]

*280. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of core unit gardaí of each rank attached to the Anglesea Street station that are only attached to the sub-district for the area and are not responsible for other duties in the district as a whole; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16726/19]

*281. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of community gardaí attached to the Anglesea Street sub-district. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16727/19]

*282. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the funding and staff attached to each Garda youth diversion project in County Cork; the location of each; and his plans to expand upon these services. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16729/19]

*283. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the ratio of gardaí to the population in each Garda District. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16731/19]

*284. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has received an application from Carrigaline, County Cork for support under community CCTV schemes; if so, the consideration given to same; and the status of the application. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16733/19]

*285. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the hours Carrigaline Garda station is meant to be open; if the station has regularly opened for these hours; the number of gardaí attached to the station; the number of gardaí from the station on leave; the number of those that have been replaced; and the number of days the station opened in 2018 and to date in 2019. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16734/19]

*286. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will convene an emergency meeting with officials in Northern Ireland to identify a cross-Border response to the increase in ATM robberies in the Border region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16743/19]

*287. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to tackle the issue of high costs for visa processing for family members of Irish citizens that wish to visit Irish family members here particularly those costs associated with cases in which applicants have previously visited for similar reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [16762/19]

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

*288. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of applicants and participants in Brexit schemes and supports provided by her Department or agencies under her remit in tabular form; and the amount allocated and expended to each such scheme in each year since being established. — Billy Kelleher. [16036/19]

*289. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of applications to the retail online scheme to date by county; the number of eligible and ineligible applications, respectively; and the number of approved applications to which funding has issued in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [16038/19]

*290. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the budget allocation to the digital trading vouchers provided by LEOs in each of the years 2016 to 2018; the 2019 allocation; the amount expended in each such year; and the number of digital trading vouchers provided by LEOs in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by county in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [16039/19]

*291. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the skills shortages in the construction area; her further views in relation to the labour market needs test taking longer than it should causing further delays for construction companies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [16113/19]

*292. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she or her officials have met the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to shortages in the construction area particularly in housing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [16114/19]

*293. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if modifications to the labour market needs test for vacancies are being considered in the construction area particularly in housing and for those that earn more than €60,000 per annum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [16116/19]

*294. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she has received correspondence from companies in relation to skill shortages in the construction industry; the way in which she is addressing same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [16117/19]

*295. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views in relation to the competitiveness of Ireland; the actions she is taking to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [16157/19]

*296. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will address a matter regarding relocating to digital hubs (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16182/19]

*297. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the work she has undertaken to prepare for the impact of artificial intelligence on employment and the workforce in the services industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [16323/19]

*298. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the work she has undertaken with regard to the way in which Ireland plans to change secondary and tertiary education in order to prepare for the impact of artificial intelligence on the services industry job market in the future in view of the fact changes will only show impacts in the medium to long term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [16324/19]

*299. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to explore the potential of the wool industry; her plans to commission and publish a report into creative ways of exploiting this natural resource to ensure maximum added value for the producer and to the economy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16377/19]

*300. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the amount she expects to spend on making Ireland Brexit ready for each of the next ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [16391/19]

*301. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if assistance will be provided to chambers of commerce (details supplied) that operate a local gift voucher scheme which will be impacted by the Consumer Protection (Gift Vouchers) Bill 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16462/19]

*302. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she has considered the impact the Consumer Protection (Gift Vouchers) Bill 2018 will have on vouchers for experiences or defined services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16463/19]

*303. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA jobs created by county since 2016, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16533/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*304. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the nurses dispute; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [16152/19]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to establish an interagency committee to develop a national action plan on female genital mutilation. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [16554/19]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the upgrade of the HSE day care centre building on Drogheda street, Monasterevin, County Kildare. — Martin Heydon. [16028/19]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on the appointment of a design team for a project (detailed supplied). — Martin Heydon. [16029/19]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health the reason access to versatis patches was removed from a person (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [16035/19]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health if funding is available for electric prosthetics from the HSE in counties Louth and Meath; if a person (details supplied) is entitled to apply for this medical technology; if funding is available; and if so, the reason the funding was not granted. — Peadar Tóibín. [16046/19]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health if the full-time position of Director of the National Ambulance Service was legitimately ratified by a person (details supplied); the procedures followed to fill the post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [16050/19]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health the primary care centres that have become operational since 2010; the year in which they opened; the other primary care centres due to be built; the status of same; and when they are due to open by county in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [16051/19]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health if a wheelchair will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16056/19]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health if assistance will be provided to a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16058/19]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be provided with residential care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [16065/19]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called to St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny for a procedure. — Pat Deering. [16070/19]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called to St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny for a procedure. — Pat Deering. [16071/19]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called to St. James's Hospital, Dublin for further tests. — Pat Deering. [16072/19]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health if it is a medical radiologist or a dentist holding a level nine higher degree in dental and maxillofacial radiation such as the qualification held by the dental adviser to the medical exposure radiation unit that should take clinical responsibility in circumstances (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16073/19]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health his plans and timeframe for the delivery of the new accident and emergency department at Beaumont Hospital; the funding provided for the project in the 2019 health budget and HSE operational plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16081/19]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 155 of 28 February 2019, the status of the tender (details supplied); if the project will be delivered on time and on budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16082/19]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health if a child (details supplied) will be assessed by the network disability team in south County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16089/19]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health when a second permanent consultant breast surgeon will be appointed at Letterkenny University Hospital. — Louise O'Reilly. [16100/19]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hip and knee replacement operations, primary and revision combined, carried out in the hospitals across the Saolta Hospital Group in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [16101/19]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the number of laparoscopic appendectomies carried out in the hospitals across the Saolta Hospital Group in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [16102/19]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health the number of laparoscopic cholecystectomies carried out in the hospitals across the Saolta Hospital Group in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [16103/19]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health if it is policy for patients with disabilities in community houses that have medical cards to be charged a general practitioner fee for a medical exam every

24 weeks or six months; if not, the reason this is occurring in some community houses in the Fingal area; his plans in instances in which patients are being charged this fee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16104/19]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective surgeries and procedures cancelled by speciality at hospitals (details supplied) by month in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16105/19]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health if 24/7 access to CAMHS will be ensured in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16120/19]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to conclude the governance review of the drugs approval and procurement process by the end of Q2 2019 as per the Sláintecare action plan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16122/19]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health if the review of the drugs approval and procurement process will include the opportunity for public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16123/19]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health if a final report will be made publically available following the completion of the governance review of the drugs approval and procurement process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16124/19]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health if reconsideration will be given to allocating a person (details supplied) an urgent hospital appointment; if it is standard procedure that patients on priority waiting lists must wait over a year before receiving appropriate treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16126/19]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for improved ambulance services in Maynooth, County Kildare and the surrounding area with particular reference to population increases in the local area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16129/19]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health if there are out-of-hours child psychiatry services in University Hospital Limerick; if so, the hours the services in the hospital operate; the length of time the services in the hospital have been in operation; his plans to cancel the services in the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [16130/19]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 144 of 26 February 2019, his views on the length of time it is taking to fill the CEO post in the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [16131/19]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the change in title and tenure for the most recent advertisement for the position of CEO of the NMBI following two advertisements in 2018 for a five year business as usual CEO; the reason for this change; and the person currently fulfilling the CEO position on the board. — Clare Daly. [16132/19]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the consultants and or persons employed on a contract basis by the NMBI from June 2016 to date; the purpose of each engagement; the length of each engagement; and the cost to the NMBI for the relevant period of engagement. — Clare Daly. [16133/19]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health the amount by which the home help budget has been reduced for counties Kerry and Cork in 2019; the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [16135/19]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a new residential premises (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [16136/19]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the amount by which the HSE has reduced funding for the fair deal scheme for counties Kerry and Cork; the reason for the reduction in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [16141/19]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [16146/19]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE psychiatrists working with persons in west County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [16147/19]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health when a replacement scheme for the motorised transport grant and mobility allowance will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [16148/19]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health if he has requested or met a union (details supplied) to intervene in the inter-union dispute between unions in relation to recognition of a union in the National Ambulance Service; his plans to address the issue in view of the fact that service withdrawal is now impacting on patient care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [16150/19]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a request from a group (details supplied) to meet a person to share the experiences of women before the panel sets out the criteria for the way in which the women will be assessed; if a meeting will take place in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [16156/19]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health if there is support for older persons to assist them in the costs of purchasing a mobility scooter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [16172/19]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health when wheelchairs will be made available for persons (details supplied); the timeframe to receive such equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16181/19]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the specific planned use of a building (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16183/19]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health the number of births in each hospital in each of the years 2014 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [16184/19]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health his plans in respect of the assisted human reproduction Bill to include recognising same sex male and female families that have used international surrogacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16188/19]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health if homecare support will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16189/19]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health the supports in place for persons suffering from fibromyalgia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [16190/19]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding funding for a society (details supplied) for 2018 and 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [16191/19]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding hospital waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16193/19]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for increased home help hours by persons (details supplied); and when they can expect a decision on their case. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16199/19]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health if he will recommend the HSE fund the drug Ocrelizumab for multiple sclerosis patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [16210/19]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to adopt the United Kingdom system in which a person having a psychotic or psychiatric episode must be assessed in a hospital before being detained in police custody; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16215/19]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for psychiatric beds; the number of those in prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16216/19]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the launch of a project (details supplied) which has been announced for County Tipperary; the location of the service; the level of finance ring fenced to support the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16221/19]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the location persons that need long-term stay care in Roscrea, County Tipperary will be accommodated (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16228/19]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to including fibromyalgia on the long term illness scheme; the findings if such consideration was given; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [16229/19]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided for the implementation of the National Maternity Strategy 2016 to 2026 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16233/19]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address concerns that no new development funding for the National Maternity Strategy 2016 to 2026 will be made available in 2019, specifically

funding for the development of quality, safe, consistent and well resourced care in the 19 maternity units nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16234/19]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) with type 1 diabetes will be provided with access to creon under the long term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [16237/19]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for persons with dyspraxia for occupational therapy services in Dublin 15, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [16243/19]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of Roselawn health centre, Dublin 15; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [16244/19]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be considered for a psychiatric unit nursing home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16259/19]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be considered for the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16260/19]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 364 of 5 February 2019, when a response will issue. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16268/19]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 374 of 12 March 2019, when the projects (details supplied) will move to advanced planning stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16270/19]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health the number of termination of pregnancies here in the first quarter of 2019. — Ruth Coppinger. [16271/19]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which it is planned to establish the number of children affected by anticonvulsant syndrome as a result of sodium valproate being given to their mothers during pregnancy. — Clare Daly. [16280/19]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health the pathways available for parents to have their children diagnosed with anticonvulsant syndrome as a consequence of sodium valproate; and the pathways for needs assessment and treatment that will be provided for them. — Clare Daly. [16281/19]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a fully resourced public information campaign in regard to the risks of taking sodium valproate during pregnancy as soon as possible. — Clare Daly. [16282/19]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health if the HPRa has imposed a requirement that warnings in regard to the risks of sodium valproate must be displayed on the external packaging of the drug and that the medication should not be dispensed without original packaging. — Clare Daly. [16283/19]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that the lack of regulations within the medical aesthetic and cosmetic surgery sector here is addressed in order to protect public health; if his attention has been drawn to the dangers posed by botched procedures and unskilled and

untrained persons conducting medical aesthetics here; his further plans to combat this growing trend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [16285/19]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in County Cork will have an assessment of need under the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [16286/19]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a MRI scan will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [16296/19]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting occupational therapy as part of the assessment of need first-time assessment by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16298/19]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health when a report by a company (details supplied) into the cost overruns in the national children's hospital will be published; the reason it has been delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16304/19]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients being treated for cataracts in public and private hospitals by year and hospital in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Alan Kelly. [16305/19]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients being treated in Croom Hospital in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Alan Kelly. [16309/19]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health the rheumatology services available for persons in County Wexford; if he is satisfied that there is adequate community rheumatology cover to deal with the demand in the county; his views on whether there is a threat to the rheumatology services being provided for the county at Waterford Regional Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [16310/19]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health the charges that persons with disabilities attending HSE care or rehab centres in counties Cavan and Monaghan will cover; if this includes insurance; the rationale for such a charge in view of the fact that it is an additional expense on vulnerable persons and families. — Peadar Tóibín. [16326/19]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children diagnosed with autism and other behavioural conditions such as ADHD and so on in HSE community organisation 7 area, on waiting lists for the early bird programme (details supplied), speech and language therapy, psychology and occupational therapy; the average length of time these children will be waiting on lists for the services in the area; the number of children on the waiting list for a diagnosis assessment in the area; and the length of time they have been waiting. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16374/19]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card will issue on discretionary grounds to a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [16382/19]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance staff that have been suspended over the past year; the number on suspension; and the length of time each suspension has lasted. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16418/19]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time it took to investigate and conclude each ambulance staff suspension in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16419/19]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure in place to bring to conclusion ambulance staff suspensions; if there are agreed timelines for these procedures; if so, if they are being met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16420/19]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health when the compassionate access programme for medicinal cannabis will be available; if it is planned to accommodate persons currently using licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16421/19]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients being treated in Croom Hospital in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Alan Kelly. [16422/19]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the earlier ring-fenced funding for new developments in the National Maternity Strategy has stalled in the 2019 HSE national service plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16429/19]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to providing home help hours to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [16438/19]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16441/19]

*395. 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. [16443/19]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment from Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16446/19]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will be considered for an earlier appointment from Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16447/19]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health if the delay in the allocation of an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [16464/19]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults, respectively waiting for initial occupational therapy assessment at 31 March 2019 by CHO and LHO area in tabular form; the comparative figure as at 31 March 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16465/19]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults, respectively waiting for initial speech and language therapy assessment at 31 March 2019 by CHO and LHO area in tabular form; the comparative figure as at 31 March 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16466/19]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons waiting for home support packages at 31 March 2018 and 31 March 2019; the waiting lists for homecare packages by CHO and LHO in tabular form at the same dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16467/19]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support packages provided for the first quarter of 2018 compared to the number provided in the first quarter of 2019 by CHO and LHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16468/19]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for a dental appointment at 31 March 2018 and 31 March 2019 by CHO and LHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16469/19]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for a CAMHS appointment at 31 March 2018 and 31 March 2019 by CHO and LHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16470/19]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health the communities without a general practitioner in view of the fact that general practitioner representatives (details supplied); and his plans to address this disparity and the deepening general practitioner shortage. — Louise O'Reilly. [16471/19]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health the counties that do not have hospice facilities; and the way in which he plans to address this disparity. — Louise O'Reilly. [16472/19]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite care hours provided for the first quarter of 2018 compared to the first quarter of 2019 by CHO and LHO in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [16473/19]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health the communities which are recognised as being greater than 90 minutes away from, by car or by ambulance from the nearest primary PCI hospital. — Louise O'Reilly. [16474/19]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital appointments rescheduled by the endocrinology clinic in St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number rescheduled by the patient or the clinic, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16475/19]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health the preparations undertaken for commencement of Parts 2 and 3 of the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 by his Department and the HSE; the outstanding issues that remain; when Parts 2 and 3 will be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16476/19]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health the reason despite funding being included in the 2019 estimates for speech and language therapy, social work, chaplains and physiotherapy for an area (details supplied) some of these services are not receiving funding. — Louise O'Reilly. [16477/19]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new primary care centres opened since the beginning of 2011, by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [16478/19]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health the number of disability managers allocated to counties Laois and Offaly. — Carol Nolan. [16511/19]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health the number of disability manager posts filled in counties Laois and Offaly. — Carol Nolan. [16512/19]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts allocated to early intervention and school aged 0 to 18 teams in counties Laois and Offaly. — Carol Nolan. [16513/19]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts filled in relation to early intervention and school aged 0 to 18 teams in counties Laois and Offaly. — Carol Nolan. [16514/19]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health the specific posts in relation to early intervention and school aged 0 to 18 teams in counties Laois and Offaly that still need to be filled. — Carol Nolan. [16515/19]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health the number of permanent posts in respect of early intervention and school aged 0 to 18 teams in counties Laois and Offaly. — Carol Nolan. [16516/19]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health the number of temporary posts in respect of early intervention and school aged 0 to 18 teams in counties Laois and Offaly. — Carol Nolan. [16517/19]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agency staff recruited to fill posts in respect of early intervention and school aged 0 to 18 teams in counties Laois and Offaly. — Carol Nolan. [16518/19]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional therapy staff allocated in counties Laois and Offaly in the context of rolling out the 0 to 18s programme. — Carol Nolan. [16519/19]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychology posts allocated in counties Laois and Offaly in the context of early intervention and the 0 to 18s programme. — Carol Nolan. [16520/19]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychology posts vacant in counties Laois and Offaly in the context of early intervention and 0 to 18s programmes. — Carol Nolan. [16521/19]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agency psychologists filling posts in counties Laois and Offaly in respect of the early intervention and 0 to 18s programmes. — Carol Nolan. [16522/19]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health the number of private psychologists filling posts in respect of the early intervention and 0 to 18s programme in counties Laois and Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16523/19]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated by the HSE to trainee clinical psychologists posts since 2016. — Carol Nolan. [16524/19]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health the positions both allocated and filled in counties Laois and Offaly in the context of early intervention and school aged 0 to 18s teams in respect of speech and language therapy, social work, physiotherapy and occupational therapy in tabular form. — Carol Nolan. [16525/19]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health the additional amount of funding allocated for personal assistants for persons with disabilities in each budget since 2016. — Carol Nolan. [16526/19]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health if a new scheme will replace the motorised transport grant which was previously cut; and if so, when the new scheme will be implemented. — Carol Nolan. [16530/19]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health the steps which can be taken to assist a person (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [16537/19]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects a report (details supplied) into the national children's hospital overspend to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [16544/19]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health the bases the 12 additional ambulance service personnel will be deployed to in the north-west region; when a second ambulance will be allocated to Carrick-on-Shannon in view of the demand in the area for services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [16545/19]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health the status of orthodontic treatment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16553/19]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the availability of the necessary quantities of epilim chromospheres in adequate dosages in pharmacies particularly for patients prescribed daily dosages of 2,000mg or more; if his attention has been drawn to reports of patients finding it difficult to access the medication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [16558/19]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health the pathways for adult ADHD diagnosis. — Louise O'Reilly. [16575/19]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for adult ADHD diagnosis. — Louise O'Reilly. [16576/19]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE psychiatrists that deal with adult ADHD diagnosis. — Louise O'Reilly. [16577/19]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health the public health services available for adults with ADHD. — Louise O'Reilly. [16578/19]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the national clinical programme for adults with ADHD. — Louise O'Reilly. [16579/19]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the Chief Medical Officer in compiling a report on the use of mesh did not facilitate a meeting with women injured by mesh (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [16584/19]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health if an independent investigation will be undertaken to examine the use of mesh implants here. — Louise O'Reilly. [16585/19]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health the reason women injured by mesh implantations were not and will not be offered an opportunity to testify in relation to their experiences (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [16586/19]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times a black escalation was invoked in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date 2019, by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16589/19]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the situation in which pharmacists are restricted in the amount of chromosomes they are allowed to keep with particular reference to the fact that such restrictions do not appear to be required in other EU states and cause considerable hardship to persons that require same. — Clare Daly. [16590/19]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health if he will amend the general scheme of the assisted human reproduction Bill to include same-sex male families that have used international surrogacy as a way to create their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [16600/19]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health the process in place for persons with Down syndrome in receipt of a medical card; if these can be issued for a minimum of a three year basis instead of asking a person with Down syndrome to fill out an online review often on an annual basis; if the practice which occurs on some occasions in which the person with Down syndrome is asked over the phone if they still have Down syndrome will be ceased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [16609/19]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards and general practitioner visit cards, respectively that were renewed in 2018; the number of these in which an online review form was requested; if a procedure will be put in place in circumstances in which there is a permanent life medical issue that medical cards can be issued on a much longer term basis which in turn will reduce the administration in the HSE and the pressure, work and upset for persons with conditions such as Down syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [16610/19]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce preventative orthodontic screening for children as part of the new oral health policy; his further plans to recruit the services of private orthodontists for such screening; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that early intervention is crucial to prevent acute orthodontic issues for children in later life; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [16611/19]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for a public dental assessment in County Louth; the number waiting for 6, 12 and 18 months or longer, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [16614/19]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Louth on the orthodontic waiting list; the number waiting 6, 12, 18 and over 18 months, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [16615/19]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health when adequate resources will be provided to an association (details supplied) to ensure an improved level of services for patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [16616/19]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health when an audiologist will be appointed to County Carlow to replace the retiring physician from Carlow District Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [16617/19]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health the staff complement sanctioned for Slaney House, County Wexford; if the full staff complement is in place; the hours of operation of the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [16619/19]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health the status of section 23 of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018; when he plans to commence the section; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [16622/19]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health when the planned three year cap on farm assets for the assessment of means under the fair deal scheme will come into force; the reason for the delays being experienced in the introduction of this new measure; his plans to apply the new criteria retrospectively with respect to current applicants of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16629/19]

*456. To ask the Minister for Health the level of ambulance service provision for Maynooth, Celbridge, and Leixlip, County Kildare; the amount of cover provided to each area over a 24/7 period in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [16630/19]

*457. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the ongoing inter-union dispute between unions (details supplied) and the impact it is having on the provision of ambulance services; if there is a pathway available to resolve the ongoing dispute either on the employer or the union side; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [16633/19]

*458. To ask the Minister for Health if children on the waiting list for psychological assessment can avail of the national treatment purchase plan; and if they can avail of this plan for treatment. — Louise O'Reilly. [16642/19]

*459. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in age cohorts (details supplied) in nursing homes across the State. — Louise O'Reilly. [16643/19]

*460. To ask the Minister for Health the action he is taking to resolve the ongoing issues with the National Ambulance Service and their rights to join a union of their own choosing; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a union (details supplied) categorically does not represent members of the Ambulance Service and represent only administration staff within the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16645/19]

*461. To ask the Minister for Health if matters (details supplied) in relation to health problems will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16647/19]

*462. To ask the Minister for Health the capital expenditure planned for the Midland Regional Hospital, Mullingar in relation to the necessary upgrading and refurbishment that is set out to include the provision of new theatres and ancillary services and additional staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [16659/19]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in receipt of home support services to date; the number approved and waiting for home support services in each CHO area; the number

of persons waiting for more than one, three and six months, respectively for home support services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16686/19]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting since 1 April 2019 to go to a step down unit in County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16694/19]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have a procedure carried out. — Pat Deering. [16695/19]

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

*466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the 2018 meeting of the coursing monitoring committee; the items of importance that were discussed at the meeting; the decisions made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16085/19]

*467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the minutes of the 2018 meeting of the coursing monitoring committee were not released under freedom of information but the minutes of the 2016 and 2017 meetings were released; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16086/19]

*468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the person or body that gave permission to An Bord Iascaigh Mhara to send an aquaculture remote classroom bus to schools nationally to inform children that salmon farms are environmentally safe; the grounds on which this permission was given; and his views on whether the visits by the bus to schools may represent an attempt to greenwash salmon farming in view of the evidence that salmon farms are polluting and a danger to wild fish stocks. — Clare Daly. [16313/19]

*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of schools to date that had a visit from the Bord Iascaigh Mhara aquaculture remote classroom; and the number of schools it is scheduled to visit. — Clare Daly. [16314/19]

*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to protect Irish fishing interests at EU level; the measures he will take to protect the fishing sector in the event of a no-deal Brexit; the position regarding discussions from the most recent EU Council meeting of fisheries ministers; the position regarding the current common fisheries policy; and if a review will take place in 2019. — Billy Kelleher. [16041/19]

*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to protect Irish agri-food interests and farmers at EU level; the measures he will take to protect the sector and farmers in the event of a no-deal Brexit; the position regarding discussions from the most recent EU Council meeting of agriculture ministers; the position regarding the common agriculture policy post-2020; and the latest developments in relation to the European Commission proposals published in June 2018. — Billy Kelleher. [16042/19]

*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the options and supports available to a farmer to dispose of a roof (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [16118/19]

*473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the gender breakdown of the number of farmers availing of farm payments (details supplied) in each of the years 2012 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [16125/19]

*474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the arrangements in place for the transport of horses between Ireland and Britain in the event of a hard Brexit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [16198/19]

*475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if farmers that qualified for a particular scheme (details supplied) will be prohibited from availing of the BEEP scheme under de minimis rules (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [16201/19]

*476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will assist in a matter (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16212/19]

*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the contents of the five year plan of an organisation (details supplied) have been signed further to the publication of a report into the sector; if funding will be provided in 2019 towards the implementation of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [16289/19]

*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a copy of the document, Irish Greyhound Board Business Model Analysis, which was prepared by a company (details supplied) will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16316/19]

*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the remuneration and benefits policy in place for management in the Irish Greyhound Board; the contracts, benefits and bonus structures that are in place; if they meet with all Government guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16317/19]

*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the role of director of events and hospitality services advertised by the Irish Greyhound Board; if this role was appropriately filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16318/19]

*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the role of the director of human resources advertised by the Irish Greyhound Board; if this role was appropriately filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16319/19]

*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contracts awarded for human resource services by the Irish Greyhound Board since 2015; the cost of each individual contract; the tendering details of each contract; the reason such contracts have been necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16320/19]

*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a list of all roles within the Irish Greyhound Board that have been publicly advertised in each of the years 2013 to 2018 and to date in 2019, will be published; if all roles in the organisation have been appropriately advertised during that time period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16321/19]

*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the ownership structures for all greyhound stadiums that come under the ownership or management of the Irish Greyhound Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16322/19]

*485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an application (details supplied); when a decision can be expected on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [16582/19]

*486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter regarding the national reserve in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16620/19]

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

*487. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason the ceiling on refuse collection charges was lifted in November 2018; the oversight and monitoring systems in place to ensure that consumers are paying a reasonable price for the service and that prices are consistent. — Pearse Doherty. [16047/19]

*488. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the practice by some local authorities of seeking information from private refuse companies of the details of persons registered with them for the stated purpose of combatting fly tipping is in line with GDPR legislation; and the rights of persons seeking to purchase bin labels in this regard. — Pearse Doherty. [16048/19]

*489. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the EU binding targets for renewable energy for Ireland for 2020; the amount by which it is predicted that Ireland will miss the targets; the cost per percentage of missing the targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [16052/19]

*490. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the EU binding target for greenhouse gas emission reduction for Ireland for 2020; the amount by which Ireland will miss the targets; the cost per percentage of missing the target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [16053/19]

*491. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the EU binding target for renewable energy for Ireland for 2030; the amount by which Ireland will miss the targets; the cost per percentage of missing the targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [16054/19]

*492. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to chair the National Inland Fisheries Forum in the interim before a chair is appointed. — Thomas Byrne. [16055/19]

*493. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the better energy warmer homes scheme will be revised to include persons on low incomes that suffer with chronic illnesses such as COPD but are not in receipt of the fuel allowance. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16121/19]

*494. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 194 and 195 of 16 November 2017, the date on which the contract for the operations of the ECAS will be up for renewal; the reason there is a delay in issuing a tender for its management and operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [16165/19]

*495. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his policy towards public broadcasting on longwave radio; if he has raised with RTÉ the service provided to emigrants in the UK that utilise the longwave radio service; his plans to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [16169/19]

*496. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the most up-to-date scientific findings that fracked shale gas has a more detrimental impact on the climate than coal. — Clare Daly. [16186/19]

*497. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the National Broadband Plan in view of the large number of persons in rural Ireland that are without a broadband service. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [16274/19]

*498. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the additional funding which will be made available to Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council to cease illegal dumping; his plans to ensure that all estates and streets in an area (details supplied) will have a regular and weekly waste collection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16426/19]

*499. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which he plans to implement the priority recommendations of the report, Climate Change: A Cross-Party Consensus for Action, by the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Climate Action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16427/19]

*500. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on reports that tracking and cookie software are present on most departmental and local authority websites; if this practice complies with GDPR and privacy legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16428/19]

*501. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when fibre broadband will be rolled out in a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16444/19]

*502. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if broadband coverage under phase 1 of the National Broadband Plan will be extended to a property (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [16564/19]

*503. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if broadband coverage will be provided to a property (details supplied) under phase 1 of the National Broadband Plan. — Robert Troy. [16573/19]

*504. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding access to fibre broadband for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [16646/19]

*505. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the findings of the Report of the Joint Committee on Climate Action, Climate Change: A Cross-Party Consensus for Action, that grid connection policy is no longer fit for purpose; his plans to remove the barriers that exist for large scale renewable projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16679/19]

*506. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he is taking to enable the maximum number of low and middle income households to undertake retrofitting of their homes to purchase EVs and to pursue additional energy efficiency measures. — John Curran. [16680/19]

*507. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the evaluation of the warmth and wellbeing scheme will be completed by SEAI, the HSE and an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16681/19]

*508. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to expand the warmth and wellbeing scheme; the number of homes expected to be upgraded in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16682/19]

*509. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of schools scheduled to benefit from the Energy Efficiency Programme for Schools as part of the major programme of retrofits scheduled to commence in 2022, as outlined in Project Ireland 2040; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16683/19]

*510. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the criteria for schools to be chosen as part of the Energy Efficiency Upgrade Pilot Programme for Schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16684/19]

*511. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the schools scheduled to benefit from the Energy Efficiency Upgrade Programme in each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16685/19]

*512. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the full range of maximum penalties applying to different categories of littering and dumping. — Róisín Shortall. [16764/19]

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

*513. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has discussed the ownership of Rosslare Europort with his UK counterpart. — James Browne. [16504/19]

*514. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures taken since 2016 to ensure that all public transport is accessible for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16527/19]

*515. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for ensuring that accessibility to public transport for persons with disabilities is improved; and the engagement he has had with Irish Rail to ensure that all trains and train stations are accessible for persons with disabilities. — Carol Nolan. [16528/19]

*516. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if an audit will be carried out to assess the accessibility of train stations and trains for persons with disabilities. — Carol Nolan. [16529/19]

*517. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the expenditure on Fintra Bridge on the R263, County Donegal in 2018; the way in which the grant of €150,000 was spent in 2018; if the entire grant approved was drawn down; the way in which the grant of €150,000 for 2019 is to be spent on the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [16032/19]

*518. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the case of an employee (details supplied) of the RSA will be referred to the RSA for examination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [16057/19]

*519. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the consideration being given to proposals from the National Transport Authority for the establishment of a support scheme to provide grant aid to taxi and hackney licence holders in order to address gaps in service provision in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16066/19]

*520. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a person that works abroad as an aid worker can use an Ethiopian driver licence when they return here on annual leave to visit their family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [16068/19]

*521. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has liaised with the RSA in relation to strong and pervasive road safety campaigns focussing on speeding and respect for local authority and NTA speed limit signs in view of the level of road casualties to date in 2019; if his attention has been drawn to the key role of speed in virtually every crash; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16080/19]

*522. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there is a rural grant scheme in place to assist persons with a rural hackney licence service in their first year in business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [16098/19]

*523. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a person with an English driver licence that applies for conversion to an Irish driver licence will be automatically converted to drive each vehicle licensed on the English licence under the new Irish licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [16137/19]

*524. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16192/19]

*525. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the level of annual funding which is provided to an organisation (details supplied); if funding will be increased in forthcoming budgets; and if a fund to help the family of special Olympic athletes to travel to the world games will be established. — Robert Troy. [16196/19]

*526. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a car insurance policy obtained online from a company based in another EU state is sufficient to provide cover for a resident here; and the legalities of obtaining car insurance from abroad. — Robert Troy. [16197/19]

*527. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 231 of 7 February 2019 (details supplied); if he will communicate with the NTA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16203/19]

*528. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding funding runway extension works at Waterford Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16222/19]

*529. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Glenbeigh to Renard South Kerry greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16273/19]

*530. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a sports capital grant application by a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16278/19]

*531. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress made with Transport Infrastructure Ireland in respect of timescales for the delivery of the bypass at Ardee, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [16290/19]

*532. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress made to alleviate the concerns expressed by residents of the negative impact of creating a cul-de-sac at Mulleston and Townpark road once the N52 realignment is constructed in 2019, further to his meetings with local resident groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [16291/19]

*533. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if priority will be given to the necessary retrofit upon the completion of the realignment of the N52 in order to remedy the negative impact of creating a cul-de-sac at Mulleston and Town Park road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [16292/19]

*534. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the plans Fáilte Ireland has prepared to help the tourism industry post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16306/19]

*535. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of traffic accidents or collisions on the M7 in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date 2019. — Alan Kelly. [16307/19]

*536. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status in relation to the announcement for greenway funding for projects such as the Sligo and Mayo greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [16311/19]

*537. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his travel itinerary and that of the Minister of State for Tourism and Sport will be provided for travel to Copenhagen for the Denmark versus Ireland football playoff match; the costs incurred for the trip; the costs covered by a third party (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [16337/19]

*538. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the actions he is taking to promote and assist advanced safe driving technologies in imported vehicles; if he will consider new regulations to facilitate advanced safe driving technologies in terms of road signage, safe road design and road maintenance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16423/19]

*539. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he is taking to support a vision zero approach to road safety; his views on whether the EU Commission proposals for advanced safe vehicle technologies in all new vehicles by 2022/2024 should be extended to the vehicle fleet here over the next three to five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16424/19]

*540. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the investment made by Bus Éireann towards replacing the fleet in County Kerry; and the future investment programme for same. — John Brassil. [16445/19]

*541. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the cost to airports of providing air traffic control services to a company (details supplied) in the past four years. — Robert Troy. [16559/19]

*542. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there is payment from a company (details supplied) to the airports in exchange for the provision of air traffic control services; and if so, the value of the payment. — Robert Troy. [16560/19]

*543. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether adequate funding is provided to airports here for the provision of air traffic control services to the Irish Coast Guard. — Robert Troy. [16561/19]

*544. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding provided to each helicopter base for the Irish Coast Guard for each of the past five years by purpose and supplier paid. — Robert Troy. [16562/19]

*545. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Irish Rail has a timeline for when it will agree and sign off on a bridge (details supplied) with Kildare County Council. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16571/19]

*546. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Cork city and county has the worst record of road repair nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [16580/19]

*547. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which the €200 million cost of the Galway Transport Strategy over ten years addresses the urgent need to rebalance investment towards mass transport solutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16594/19]

*548. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the annual cost of running the Nitelink bus service for each of the past four years with reference to the number of such routes that were operational at the time in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [16604/19]

*549. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the cost of creating existent Dublin Bike docking stations; and the estimated cost of constructing an additional Dublin Bike station. — Robert Troy. [16605/19]

*550. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the State funding provided to Sligo Airport; if additional funding can be provided for the functioning of the air traffic control tower which is in operation 24 hours per day to support search and rescue activities which are based from the airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [16641/19]

*551. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the capital expenditure from 1 January 2019 to 31 March 2019 under the heading of B8.1 Smarter Travel Sustainable Urban Transport. — Robert Troy. [16658/19]

*552. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the new and additional cycle routes approved to go to construction in Dublin in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16692/19]

*553. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason no funding has been allocated to construct security fencing along the greenway at Altown, Garrycastle, Athlone, County Westmeath despite repeated promises to Westmeath County Council of same; and his plans to ensure that this funding is made available without delay to provide protection for the residents in this area. — Robert Troy. [16724/19]

*554. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to fund all proposed low-cost safety improvement projects for roads in County Limerick as proposed by Limerick City and County Council; the planned date for sanctioning of funding for such projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [16736/19]

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

*555. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the review of the youth service grant scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [16030/19]

*556. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of adults and children that spent time in Tusla funded domestic violence refuge and step-down accommodation in 2018; and the average length of time these families spent in emergency accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16074/19]

*557. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of women and children turned away from Tusla funded domestic violence refuges in each of the years 2016 to 2018 due to a lack of capacity. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16075/19]

*558. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of Tusla funded refuge places available in Dublin for 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16076/19]

*559. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of Tusla funded refuge places available in each county for 2019, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16077/19]

*560. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding allocated for the early learning and care and social age childcare capital programme in each of the years 2017 to 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16235/19]

*561. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the low subsidy available for working families in relation to crèche fees; her plans to amend the scheme to offer more assistance regarding same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16297/19]

*562. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated first and full year cost of increasing the ECCE capitation grant by 10%; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [16343/19]

*563. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated first and full year cost of increasing the affordable childcare subsidy for children under three years of age by €1 per hour; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [16344/19]

*564. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her policy in relation to ensuring all children in English medium crèches receiving funding from the State are given an opportunity in circumstances in which the parents agree to come into contact with the Irish language; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16376/19]

*565. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children that have benefitted from the universal childcare subsidy since its introduction in August 2017 by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [16434/19]

*566. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children that have availed of the early childhood care and education scheme since September 2018 by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [16435/19]

*567. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 312 of 13 March 2019 and 1180 of 26 March 2019, the reason Tusla maintains that the national weekly costs for private providers of children’s residential services are set at €6,000 per placement per week when the most recent invitation to tender for these services (details supplied) advertises costs of up to €13,250 per placement per week. — Clare Daly. [16440/19]

*568. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the position regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the LGBTI+ youth strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [16539/19]

*569. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if continued funding by the school completion programme under Tusla, of the school counsellor currently being provided to schools (details supplied) will be committed to; if this vital service for these DEIS schools will not be abolished; if she does not accept the view that such therapeutic services should be cancelled in view of the fact they may be provided by the HSE, as these HSE services are not available to schools in Dublin 15; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [16621/19]

*570. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views in relation to practices at a children’s residential centre (details supplied) in relation to the management of curfews and unapproved absences with reference to a person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [16623/19]

*571. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 186 of 21 February 2019, when a reply will be issued from the OPW. — Clare Daly. [16626/19]

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

*572. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the waiver of dog licence fees for persons with autism and disabilities that use assistive dogs will be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [16064/19]

*573. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the identification process for sites (details supplied) first commenced and was completed; the agencies and departments that

participated in this exercise; the location of each of the 300 sites by townland and county in tabular form; if the sites have been published; if not, the reason therefor; and the cost of undertaking this identification exercise. — Dara Calleary. [16765/19]

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

*574. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive a response regarding the reassessment of their carer's allowance. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [16442/19]

*575. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated take-up in the first full year of extending carers and illness benefit to eligible self-employed class S PRSI contributors. — Billy Kelleher. [16040/19]

*576. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for the fall in the number of persons on the live register in County Kildare since January 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16095/19]

*577. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the review of pensions affected by the 2012 contributory pensions changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16108/19]

*578. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 234 of 29 November 2018, the estimated cost of introducing the proposals in question in the first year; and the full year cost of extending these benefits to the self-employed. — Billy Kelleher. [16111/19]

*579. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 233 of 29 November 2018, the estimated cost of introducing the proposal in the first year; and the full year cost of extending this benefit to the self-employed. — Billy Kelleher. [16112/19]

*580. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16142/19]

*581. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension appeal by a person (details supplied). — Eamon Scanlon. [16173/19]

*582. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that have been contacted and yet to be contacted in respect of the proposal to allow pensioners affected by the 2012 changes in rate bands to have their pension entitlement calculated on their total contributions basis; when all persons will be contacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [16175/19]

*583. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive an illness benefit payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [16206/19]

*584. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive extra in their pension rate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [16214/19]

*585. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a school (detailed supplied) is excluded from the breakfast clubs which tackle food poverty; and if she will review this decision and make the necessary changes. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [16219/19]

*586. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to a carer’s allowance review in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [16227/19]

*587. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the eligibility for a carer’s allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16269/19]

*588. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal for further backdating of the maximum rate of qualified adult allowance payment for persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [16275/19]

*589. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when arrears of a payment will issue to a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in issuing same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [16276/19]

*590. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [16288/19]

*591. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will consider excluding persons over 60 years of age from JobPath especially those working part-time and with no means of transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16295/19]

*592. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a jobseeker’s allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16325/19]

*593. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated first and full year cost of increasing paternity leave by one week. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [16339/19]

*594. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated first and full year cost of increasing maternity leave by one week. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [16340/19]

*595. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the reinstating of the qualified child allowance on disability allowance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16431/19]

*596. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that have benefitted from the introduction of paternity benefit since its introduction in 2016 by county in tabular form. — Hildegard Naughton. [16436/19]

*597. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of self-employed persons that have availed of the extension of the treatment benefit scheme to the self-employed by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegarde Naughton. [16437/19]

*598. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of a €1 increase in each of the social insurance schemes in tabular form (details supplied). — Maureen O’Sullivan. [16501/19]

*599. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which fibromyalgia is assessed for the purpose of approving or refusing social welfare benefits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [16507/19]

*600. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a means review of a carer’s allowance payment will be expedited for a person (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [16534/19]

*601. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the target start date in 2019 for the commencement of paid parental leave. — Róisín Shortall. [16546/19]

*602. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to ensure that all outstanding payments are made to a person (details supplied) in respect of their disability allowance and invalidity pension claims; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [16612/19]

*603. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer’s allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16656/19]

*604. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application for a carer’s benefit will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [16657/19]

*605. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the prime measure of inflation her Department uses to assess or examine the cost of living increases in respect of social welfare payments; the rates of inflation used by her Department over the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [16660/19]

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

*606. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; if persons can still apply; and the criteria for same. — Tom Neville. [16209/19]

*607. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when a land registry dealing with be completed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [16460/19]

*608. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount of funding allocated to local authorities for housing adaptation grants since 2016. — Carol Nolan. [16531/19]

*609. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the amount of funding being allocated to housing adaptation grants through local authorities will be increased in Budget 2020. — Carol Nolan. [16532/19]

*610. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to extend rent pressure zone designation periods beyond three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [16451/19]

*611. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to increase the funding provided under the Traveller Accommodation Programme; if his Department has a monitoring role with respect to the way in which funding is spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16678/19]

*612. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of houses in each town and village in County Kildare under categories (details supplied) in which HAP arrangements exist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16091/19]

*613. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when his attention was drawn to the fact that Kildare County Council was planning to purchase a location (details supplied) as a turnkey project for 100% social housing; if the planned purchase meets all of the regulatory requirements of the Social Housing Investment Programme; his views on whether the provision of additional social housing in an area in which there is already a higher than average concentration complies with best practice guidelines under Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities 2007; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16092/19]

*614. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he or his officials have met with the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation in relation to shortages in the construction area particularly in housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [16115/19]

*615. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16138/19]

*616. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of voids renovated in Cork city in 2018; the number outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [16159/19]

*617. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 1355 of 26 March 2019, if a person whose credit rating has been restored following the five year term of a company (details supplied) must advise if they previously owned a property; if the five year term of the company clears the slate of all previous borrowings; the position regarding access to Rebuilding Ireland mortgages following bankruptcy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16164/19]

*618. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a person (details supplied) qualifies for grants or an insulation programme. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16194/19]

*619. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status in relation to a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [16213/19]

*620. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of a proposed water scheme extension in (details supplied) in County Mayo; the steps taken to advance the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [16225/19]

*621. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 127 of 12 March 2019, when the internal review of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme will be complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [16231/19]

*622. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the councils which have used all funding available to them under the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme in tabular form; if further funding will be made available to those councils; if so, when funding will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [16232/19]

*623. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to a discrepancy (details supplied); the reason for same; if the figures as contained in the Value for Money Unit Local Government Audit Service report are accurate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [16279/19]

*624. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to a discrepancy (details supplied); the reason for same; if the figures as contained in the Value for Money Unit Local Government Audit Service report are accurate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [16327/19]

*625. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a new water treatment plant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [16367/19]

*626. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans for implementing the outstanding recommendations from the Citizens' Assembly. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14251/19]

*627. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding applied for by Wicklow County Council to facilitate the transfer of residents from one area to another (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15748/19]

*628. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on reports from an organisation (details supplied) that 10% of households here in the private rented sector are paying more than 60% of their income on rent with 5% paying 75% of their income on rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16430/19]

*629. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the work of the National Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee and the independent expert group established to examine and make recommendations on issues regarding Traveller accommodation policy, strategy and implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16505/19]

*630. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average cost of one, two, three and four bedroom local authority new build apartments on the basis of costings submitted by local authorities over the past 12 months; the details of all costs and construction only

costs; and the itemised costed list of the individual non-construction costs for each unit size. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16508/19]

*631. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average cost of one, two, three and four bedroomed local authority new build units on the basis of costings submitted by local authorities over the past 12 months; the details of all in costs and construction only costs; and the itemised costed list of the individual non-construction costs for each unit size. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16509/19]

*632. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount spent on local authority second-hand house acquisitions and approved housing body acquisitions in 2018 by local authority; and the amount spent on upgrading and repairing these homes. — Róisín Shortall. [16535/19]

*633. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the spend on housing units under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 for 2017 and 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [16538/19]

*634. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position regarding the maximum size of new social housing estates; if a previous maximum of 75 dwelling units remains in place; if this limit applies to local authority developments and voluntary housing bodies; his views regarding an application (details supplied) for a development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16572/19]

*635. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average waiting time for HAP application processing completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [16601/19]

*636. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average waiting time for social housing support application processing completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [16602/19]

*637. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason the rent pressure zone in the eastern part of Limerick city has not been extended to other parts of Limerick; if the matter is being given consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16624/19]

*638. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when a decision will be made in relation to an application for funding towards an extension to a council property submitted by Galway City Council (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16662/19]

*639. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding allocation under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme launched in 2013 in each of the years 2013 to 2018 to improve the insulation standards and overall energy performance of local authority social housing stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16687/19]

*640. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the level of funding allocated for 2019 under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme to improve the insulation standards and overall energy performance of local authority social housing stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16688/19]

*641. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to enhance the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme in order to ensure more social houses improve their insulation standards and overall energy performance in each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16689/19]

*642. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the maximum funding per dwelling provided under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme since its launch in 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16690/19]

*643. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme is open to local authorities for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16691/19]

*644. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to upgrade the Dublin Fire Brigade fleet in view of the age of the fleet; the number and type of vehicles in the fleet; the number less than 5, 5 to 7, 7 to 10 and more than 10 years old, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16693/19]

*645. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when Rebuilding Ireland home loans will be upgraded in line with demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16699/19]

*646. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if income qualification thresholds for local authority houses are likely to be increased in view of the fact that the existing thresholds are perceived as being unrealistic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16700/19]

*647. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of local authority houses under construction; when they are likely to be ready for occupation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16701/19]

*648. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of houses under construction by or for approved housing bodies; the projected completion date of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16702/19]

*649. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extent to which the capital programme in respect of housing, direct build or for approved housing bodies remains on track; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16703/19]

*650. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of local authority only houses constructed in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16704/19]

*651. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of local authority houses vacant throughout the various local authorities; his plans for the refurbishment and occupation of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16705/19]

*652. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of group water schemes being financed by his Department through various local authorities; the number of such schemes abandoned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16706/19]

*653. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans for the reintroduction of a replacement group water scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16707/19]

*654. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the degree to which particular attention can be given to ensure that the rural indigenous population are able to obtain planning permission in their own area within reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16708/19]

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

*655. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the licences issued under the Wildlife Act 1975 in each of the past five years in tabular form. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [16735/19]

*656. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will correct the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 743 of 12 March 2019, in view of the fact that the information therein is inaccurate (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [16106/19]

*657. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she has raised with the National Museum of Ireland the need for a permanent standalone exhibition to the Great Famine; the series of events planned for 2019 to mark the Great Famine; the funding allocated for same; her plans to mark the Great Famine; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [16168/19]

*658. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding available for community grants from the Heritage Council in 2017, 2018 and 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [16200/19]

*659. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she is seeking derogations for Ireland under the EU Birds Directive in respect of seagulls; if action can be taken regarding a major problem with seagulls in the Dublin area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [16608/19]

*660. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of a matter (details supplied); if she will meet this Deputy in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16634/19]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADA OIN, 10 AIBREÁN, 2019
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL, 2019**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the National Monuments Acts will be amended in order to ensure that members of the public that find archaeological objects and consign them to the National Museum of Ireland after the use of a metal detector with no

intention of searching for archaeological objects would not be liable to prosecution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16557/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to carry out an evaluation of the damage and cost incurred as a consequence of fires that resulted from her extension of the most recent burning season in respect of gorse; her further plans to carry out an evaluation of the destruction of habitats of flora, fauna and wildlife as a consequence of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [16718/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the engagement she has had with a theatre (details supplied) in Galway city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16599/19]

4. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an ndearnadh Aerfort na Mine a cheannach; mura ndearnadh, cad é an staid reatha a bhaineann leis an bpróiseas ceannaigh; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [16596/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on whether the current method of providing public funding to the film industry is the most appropriate for delivering quality employment and training in the industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16760/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when the next meeting of the All-Party Consultation Group on Commemorations will take place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16749/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on whether the funding proposed for European City of Culture programme Galway 2020 will be adequate and ambitious enough to deliver a first class programme. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16486/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if licences have been granted for the capture of hares on lands owned by Coillte. — Clare Daly. [16710/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will provide a summary of the level of interest in the built heritage investment scheme and historic structures fund in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [16673/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when the arrangements of appointing a new chair of the Arts Council of Ireland will be completed; the number of other vacancies on the Council; and when she plans to fill same. — Willie Penrose. [16717/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to a protest (details supplied) and proposals for further escalated actions by film industry workers; and the action she will take to ensure industrial peace. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16483/19]

12. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cad é stádas Bhille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú); cén dáta a fhoilseofar an Bille; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [16595/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question No. 19 of 21 February 2019, if she will report on the membership and work programme

of the Audiovisual High Level Steering Group; her views on the way in which the group will help to resolve the ongoing disputes and issues across the film industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16761/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she has engaged with representatives of a theatre (details supplied) with regard to reports of three complaints made by staff; if she is satisfied that these matters are being addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16753/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the position with regard to the funding of a festival (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16755/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to fund arts projects in County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16490/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will report on preparations within her Department to implement new regulations for section 481 tax relief; if officials within her Department are conducting talks with officials in the Department of Finance and the Revenue Commissioners; the timeline for the introduction of new regulations; the preparedness within her Department to receive applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16752/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question No. 62 of 16 January 2019, the breakdown of sponsorship raised by Galway 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16598/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the resources provided to the National Parks and Wildlife Service for the conservation of the two biospheres here; the way in which the biospheres are protected; if the NPWS monitors planning applications and plans which may impact on the biospheres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16488/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to support nature and biodiversity on a cross-Government basis despite recently cutting funding for the National Biodiversity Data Centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [16712/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of hares captured for coursing for the 2018/2019 season; the number that have run courses to date in this season; the number pinned; the number examined by a vet; the number requiring treatment; the number euthanised; the number which died from injuries and natural causes, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [16489/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of the support being provided to local authorities under the community strand of the commemorative programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [16665/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the possible purchase by the State of High Island; if a further assessment of this proposal has been undertaken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [16739/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to support a museum (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [16716/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of preparations for Galway as EU Capital of Culture in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [16676/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on the adequacy of procedures for identifying and protecting architectural heritage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [16715/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on whether delays by the Revenue Commissioners in issuing guidelines for the new regime for film tax breaks could be endangering film productions locating here and the industry in general; and if she has had communications from the industry on the matter and with the Minister for Finance or the Revenue Commissioners to end the logjam which is being created by the delay in publishing the tax guidelines. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16487/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if an assessment has been undertaken of the cause and the extent of the damage caused by recent fires in Killarney National Park. — Catherine Martin. [16741/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the progress of the transfer of the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra following the publication of RTÉ Orchestras: Ensuring a Sustainable Future; the specific actions which have been undertaken to consult with members of the orchestra; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16756/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which progress has been made to protect listed buildings and sites of cultural and heritage interest deemed to be at risk; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16697/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the level of interest in the built heritage investment scheme and historic structures fund in north-west areas of Dublin city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [16635/19]

32. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta cad é clár na n-imeachtaí teanga-lárnaithe atá beartaithe ag Gaillimh 2020; an bhfuil an tOifigeach Cumarsáide Gaeilge fostaithe; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [16597/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to include air services to Inishbofin as part of the tender process for services to the Aran Islands in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16495/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to assist owners of registered protected structures that wish to preserve their property but are unable to do so in view of the fact that heritage works cost approximately 1.75 times more than standard repair works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [16714/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to the fact that locals and tourists were denied access to a large part of the Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park, Altnaboy, County Mayo from 21 December 2018 to 7 January 2019 up until 12 noon

each day to facilitate legitimate deer hunting; the nature and purpose of the hunting; the persons or bodies carrying it out; and the number of animals killed. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [16675/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the role the National Parks and Wildlife Service has in the designation of national parks. — Eamon Ryan. [16740/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to allegations of blacklisting of workers in the film industry that have raised questions in relation to employment rights and abuses of public funding in the industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16757/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the person or body responsible for conducting post-mortems on whales found dead on beaches here; if an analysis has been conducted as to the cause of the recent spate of deaths; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [16742/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the measures she plans to take to improve income and employment security for workers in theatre, film and the arts in general; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16758/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of talks between representatives of staff and performers and a theatre (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [16754/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the physical condition of a building is considered when being listed in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [16713/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when the capital scheme for arts and cultural facilities will open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16748/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the supports available to local authorities including Kildare County Council under the community strand of the commemorative programme of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [16672/19]