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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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 specific consideration will be given to the protection and restoration of market towns and their centres in the context of a future historic towns initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16781/19]

2. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir le Bille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2019 a fhoilsiú. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16780/19]

3. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta nuashonrú a dhéanamh ar aon phlé a bhí aici féin nó ag oifigí na Roinne leis an Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna, leis an bhForas Pátrúnachta, le Gaeloideachas Teo, nó leis an gCoimisinéir Teanga maidir leis an gcaoi ar féidir roghanna tuismitheoirí i leith na Gaelscolaíochta a léiriú tuilleadh i bpróisis phátrúnachta as seo amach. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16797/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on whether an imaginative programme can be rolled out by Galway 2020 as the city celebrates the title of European City of Culture; and her further views on whether it was the right decision not to have an open call for additional projects for the 2020 programme. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16485/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to secure a permanent home for a museum (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [16769/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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. — Hildegarde Naughton. [16676/19]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*49. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the annual budget for the security duty allowance in each of the years from 2012 to 2019. — Clare Daly. [16798/19]

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

*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the case of a person (details supplied) with a view to returning them to their family here due to their personal circumstances and declining health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [16874/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*51. To ask the Minister for Finance the timescale for tax relief available for young farmers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16775/19]

*52. To ask the Minister for Finance if a young trained farmer claimed tax relief of €22,500 in 2008, if this amount will be taken into account in relation to the new €70,000 lifetime threshold of tax relief for young farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16782/19]

*53. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of customs officers recruited to date in 2019 with regard to Brexit; his plans to recruit additional customs officers in 2019; the procedure to be adopted to recruit suitable personnel for these positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [16830/19]

*54. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 141 on 14 November 2018 stated that the Revenue Commissioners have only ever allowed basic vitamins, minerals and fish oils to apply at the zero rate and this has not changed in view of the fact that the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 51 on 11 October 2018 stated that there remains uncertainty as to which food supplements qualify for the zero rate or not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16905/19]

*55. To ask the Minister for Finance if a court date has been set for the withdrawal of funds from the insurance compensation fund in relation to a company (details supplied); if so, the date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [16907/19]

*56. To ask the Minister for Finance when legislation to better regulate personal contract plans in line with the conclusions from the review of regulation of personal contract plans will be introduced; his plans to introduce amending legislation to the Consumer Credit Act 1995; his further plans to introduce legislation that will force PCP providers to be regulated by the Central Bank; if the consumer protection code will be applied to PCP providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [16909/19]

*57. To ask the Minister for Finance the take-up of the key employee engagement programme in each month since its establishment; the number of companies that have availed of the scheme in each of these months by multinational companies and SME companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [16910/19]

*58. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications for tax relief certificates under the employment and investment incentive scheme in each year since its creation and in each month of 2018; the number of applications awaiting processing and approval, respectively by the Revenue Commissioners; the average time taken between original application and the final approval for tax relief certificates under the scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [16911/19]

*59. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of outstanding applications for tax relief certificates under the employment and investment incentive scheme awaiting processing and approval by the Revenue Commissioners at the end of each month in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [16912/19]

*60. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to introduce legislation to bring accountability to the banking industry in line with the recommendations of the Central Bank in section 6A of its report on the culture and behaviour of the main retail banks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [16913/19]

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

*61. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the pre-committed capital expenditure from 2019 to 2024 or the latest available date as a percentage of GDP and in gross terms in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [16863/19]

*62. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of applications received from each county under the OPW home relocation scheme on foot of the severe flooding of winter 2015 and 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16868/19]

*63. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 93 of 6 March 2019, if a site visit has taken place; if a decision has been made on an application to remove a burden on the lands of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16899/19]

*64. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding the use of a building (details supplied) by the OPW; his plans to transfer ownership to a public body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16900/19]

*65. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of contractors that have tendered for the new State forensics laboratory at Backweston, Celbridge, County Kildare, by the closing date for tenders of 29 March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [16916/19]

*66. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the measures and age extension in the Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act 2018 will apply to semi-State workers going forward specifically to employees at RTÉ; if there are proposals to extend the measure to other workers in other sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [16966/19]

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

*67. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of plans for university status to be conferred on institutes of technology and in particular upon Athlone Institute of Technology; the timescale envisaged for such development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [16788/19]

*68. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans in respect of access to a new school (details supplied); and if he will meet a representative group of parents from the Dublin 8 and 12 areas. — Bríd Smith. [16794/19]

*69. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application for funding by a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16802/19]

*70. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason Skerries as the first choice of locality to divest schools changed to Malahide, Kinsealy and Portmarnock; and the basis for same. — Clare Daly. [16814/19]

*71. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details of the survey given to some parents of preschoolers in relation to the divestment of a school in the Malahide, Kinsealy and Portmarnock areas; the results of the survey; and the location the data collected from the survey has been documented. — Clare Daly. [16815/19]

*72. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department sent guidelines under which a person (details supplied) is to operate in gathering data from each of the schools and from parents of children in the school in relation to the divestment of a school in the Malahide, Kinsealy and Portmarnock areas; and if so, the guidelines in this regard. — Clare Daly. [16816/19]

*73. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the process or procedure for the possible divestment in the school in relation to the divestment of a school in the Malahide, Kinsealy and Portmarnock areas. — Clare Daly. [16817/19]

*74. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the person or body that decided that a vote by parents is the deciding factor for selecting which school is to be divested in the school in relation to the divestment of a school in the Malahide, Kinsealy and Portmarnock areas; if the vote by parents is the deciding factor; and if there is a majority vote per school or if there is a target vote to achieve. — Clare Daly. [16818/19]

*75. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has in an attempt to divest a Catholic school outsourced the decision making power for doing so to the Catholic Church. — Clare Daly. [16819/19]

*76. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the person or body that has the decision making power to divest one of the eight schools as nominated in relation to the divestment of a school in the Malahide, Kinsealy and Portmarnock areas. — Clare Daly. [16820/19]

*77. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in the event parents veto a divestment in each of the schools in relation to the divestment of a school in the Malahide, Kinsealy and Portmarnock areas. — Clare Daly. [16821/19]

*78. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason parents that have exercised their constitutional rights are now being undermined in those choices (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [16822/19]

*79. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there is a public consultation process on the matter of the divestment of a school in the Malahide, Kinsealy and Portmarnock areas in the wider context on a national level. — Clare Daly. [16823/19]

*80. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether parents when choosing a school (details supplied) for their children had a legitimate expectation that their children would complete their education under the Catholic ethos in their national language. — Clare Daly. [16824/19]

*81. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether by permitting one vote per parent they are discriminating against children with only one parent or in circumstances in which

two parents have more than one child insofar as each child is not receiving equal representation; and his further views on whether it is more appropriate that a parent or legal guardian of each child shall be entitled to represent each child individually in order that each child is represented in their own right. — Clare Daly. [16825/19]

*82. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the Office of the Information Commissioner was consulted by his officials when drafting the Retention of Records Bill 2019. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16826/19]

*83. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the Data Protection Commission was consulted by his officials when drafting the Retention of Records Bill 2019. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16827/19]

*84. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a decision will issue on a school transport application by a person (details supplied) which is under review since October 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [16829/19]

*85. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress made on the amalgamation of schools (details supplied) since it was included on the school capital building plan in 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16835/19]

*86. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of privately owned large public service vehicles operating school contracts for Bus Éireann on behalf of his Department which failed the third party inspection process on first and second inspection, respectively by county of operation each year since 2017. — Clare Daly. [16849/19]

*87. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16850/19]

*88. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a psychologist will be assigned to a school (details supplied) under the National Education Psychological Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [16852/19]

*89. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when additional SNA resources will be assigned to a school (details supplied) as requested by the school principal from the NCSE on behalf of a person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [16853/19]

*90. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the audited accounts for the school transport system have been published for each year from 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [16861/19]

*91. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider the options for a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16902/19]

*92. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the elements of the secondary school curriculum which specifically pertain to personal financial literacy; if this is compulsory or voluntary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [16908/19]

*93. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if officials from his Department will carry out a site visit to a school (details supplied) in County Kerry to view the conditions of the school

and need for a new school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16914/19]

*94. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 208 of 26 February 2019, if there has been further progress in progressing this capital project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [16919/19]

*95. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when approval will be granted for the appointment of an extra teacher at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [16961/19]

*96. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of funding regarding Caranua; the funding received by Caranua; the funding yet to be received; the number of survivors awaiting payment for services; when the Caranua fund is due to cease operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [16965/19]

*97. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the LocalLink transport service is available to transport primary and secondary school students to and from their destination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [16979/19]

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

*98. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he plans to complete the legislation necessary for ratification to be fully activated further to the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [16915/19]

*99. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of legislation to tackle the ongoing issue of scrambler and quad bikes; the status of the cross-agency meeting which took place on 15 March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [16787/19]

*100. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason persons (details supplied) are being deported; if the case will be examined with a view to them remaining here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16799/19]

*101. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the Garda numbers at 31 March 2019 by station and rank. — Róisín Shortall. [16939/19]

*102. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of outstanding bench warrants by Garda division; and his plans to address this matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16940/19]

*103. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 119 of 23 January 2019, if he has received the breakdown of these cases by Garda division as requested in that question; when he will make them available; the disciplinary action which the Garda Commissioner is taking on foot of the audit of these cases; and if he will publish the report of this audit without further delay. — Róisín Shortall. [16941/19]

*104. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure for former gardaí to apply to return to An Garda Síochána under extra qualification and skills; the timescale involved in this decision process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [16957/19]

*105. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the INIS has or is investigating the way in which scammers got hold of the phone numbers of INIS applicants in view of reports (details supplied) of a telephone scam targeting persons that have made applications to the INIS; and if a data breach in the INIS has been found, if it has been reported to the Data Protection Commission. — Clare Daly. [16972/19]

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

*106. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation further to Parliamentary Question No. 121 of 23 January 2019, the progress made in marketing the site in question; if there have been further meetings between the IDA and the site owners; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [16922/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*107. To ask the Minister for Health if acceptance of the free travel pass on all LocalLink services will be granted in view of HSE charges of €4 a day being introduced on elderly and disability service users accessing public transport to and from day services; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that these charges were introduced by the HSE in recent days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16870/19]

*108. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health doctors recruited each year since 2014; and the number recruited to date in 2019. — Stephen Donnelly. [16766/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive an orthodontic appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [16768/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of providing an automatic entitlement to a general practitioner visit card for those in receipt of a full-time carer's payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16771/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in 2019 of implementing the new national oral health policy; the estimated full year cost of the complete implementation of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [16785/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the implementation of the new national oral health policy; his plans to bring forward an implementation plan for the policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [16786/19]

*113. To ask the Minister for Health if there are funding issues with regard to the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16792/19]

*114. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed use for a site (details supplied) in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [16793/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapists employed in each CHO; and the equivalent figures for the same date in 2017 and 2018, in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [16800/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists employed in each CHO; and the equivalent figures for the same date in 2017 and 2018, in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [16801/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to make the FreeStyle Libre device available to diabetic patients over 21 years of age for free; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [16808/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to approve the FreeStyle Libre device for children with diabetes under the long term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [16809/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Health the cost per patient per year of the FreeStyle Libre diabetes monitoring system. — Gerry Adams. [16810/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Health the cost per patient per year of the traditional blood test strip system of diabetes monitoring. — Gerry Adams. [16811/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Health the correct pathway for diabetic patients to access a device (details supplied). — Gerry Adams. [16812/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [16834/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 265 of 12 March 2019, if the phone records between his Department and the National Screening Service for 28 April 2018 will be provided; if the calls will be identified; and the times they were made in relation to the offer of an out-of-cycle smear test (details supplied). — Stephen Donnelly. [16854/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 265 of 12 March 2019, if the email and all related correspondence between the National Screening Service and his Department relating to the offer of an out-of-cycle smear test (details supplied) will be provided. — Stephen Donnelly. [16855/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 265 of 12 March 2019, the way in which the information was shared within his Department in relation to concerns raised regarding an offer of an out-of-cycle smear test by the National Screening Service with his Department by phone on 28 April 2018; the level of seniority and role of persons within his Department the concerns were shared with; if his attention was drawn to the concerns raised; and if so, when. — Stephen Donnelly. [16856/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 265 of 12 March 2019, the way in which the information was shared within his Department in relation to concerns raised regarding an offer of an out-of-cycle smear test, by the National Screening Service with his Department by email; the level of seniority and role of persons within his Department the concerns were shared with; if his attention was drawn to the concerns raised; and if so, when. — Stephen Donnelly. [16857/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health if he sought to meet with the senior management of CervicalCheck after receiving a 2018 memo CervicalCheck: Patient claim following a diagnosis of cervical cancer, Briefing note for Minister Harris or after the case referred to in the memo became

public on 25 April 2019 or at any time before expressing publicly that he did not have confidence in them. — Stephen Donnelly. [16858/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health if a palliative care bed will be made available at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Carlow for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [16860/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 40,000 first outpatient appointments and treatments under the NTPF arranged to date in 2019; the hospitals that have been allocated outpatient NTPF capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [16864/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be allowed to give evidence to the vaginal mesh review team in the interest of transparency and fairness in view of the fact that another person gave evidence. — Bríd Smith. [16866/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health the reason charges have been implemented in the case of a person (details supplied) when the service user has a free travel pass; if he will instruct the HSE to reverse its decision to implement both charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16869/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the removal of the venesection inpatient day case charge of €80 for patients with hereditary haemochromatosis; if a decision has been made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [16872/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health when construction will commence on the new Sheil Community Hospital in Ballyshannon, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [16875/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the family of a person (details supplied) was not provided with home help following the discharge of a parent from hospital on the second occasion; if home help will be granted in the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16876/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health if he will contact mental health services within the HSE locally to link in with the family of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16877/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the development of primary care centres in Greystones and Arklow, County Wicklow further to the announcement of a developer (details supplied) not to proceed with the Arklow centre; the impact this will have on the development of both centres and the planned timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [16878/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health if a special bed can be assigned in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16879/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health the building and other capital spend on each site in the Saolta Hospital Group in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16880/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to address the problem of holders of medical cards receiving charges for blood tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16882/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children or persons under 18 years of age awaiting assessment of need by county and year of referral for assessment in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [16889/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children or persons under 18 years of age awaiting treatment following an assessment of need by county and year of referral in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [16890/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health when a project for a primary care centre (details supplied) will go to tender; the timeframe for construction to commence and the centre to be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [16892/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons removed from hospital waiting lists in County Cork for orthopaedic, ophthalmological and gynaecological services for failing to respond to a validation letter in the past 18 months; the number of those persons back on those waiting lists in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16893/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the recruitment process for a multiple sclerosis clinical nurse specialist in University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [16903/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health the number of National Ambulance Service bases nationally; the number that have ambulance dispatch 24 hours a day 365 days a year; the ambulance stations that do not have full ambulance dispatch 24 hours a day 365 days a year; the times each week that such dispatch is not available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [16917/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 380 and 396 of 26 February 2019, if the HSE has finalised its capital plan for 2019 and submitted it for approval; if not when it is expected; if so, when it will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [16921/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the introduction of minimum unit pricing for alcohol; and the timescale to which he is working. — Róisín Shortall. [16937/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria on which the allocation of the funding will be based in respect of the additional funding of €1 million for the National Drugs Strategy, the €250,000 for the community alcohol programme and the €250,000 for young people at risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16938/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the recent decision by a company (details supplied) to pull out of Ireland; the number of primary care centres affected by the decision; the location of each; the stage at which each of these are at; the way in which he plans to proceed in respect of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16943/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health the status of negotiations with St. Vincent's Healthcare Group in respect of the proposed development of the new national maternity hospital at Elm Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16944/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Health the capacity in primary care in whole-time equivalent terms for the positions outlined on page 9 of the Executive Report of the Health Service Capacity Review 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [16960/19]

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

*152. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a grant available to persons that wish to take part in the social farming programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [16832/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if payment will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16881/19]

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

*154. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the lack of broadband service in Castleblakeney and Kilkebrin, east County Galway; and his plans to remedy the situation. — Eugene Murphy. [16980/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if grant aid is available for the installation of a wood pellet burning stove (details supplied) under SEAI grant schemes or other schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [16790/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the roll out of fibre broadband in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16831/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he is satisfied that An Post adheres to Government policy in all its activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16833/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when broadband will be available in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [16851/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the introduction of a nationwide smoky coal ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16901/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 490 of 26 February 2019, when tenders will be invited from those that expressed an interest in tendering for the project; the length of time to submit tenders for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [16920/19]

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

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding allocated from the sports capital grants from 2016 to 2018, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [16777/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding allocated to each county for greenway projects from 2016 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [16778/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of road passenger transport operators receiving payment under the free travel scheme while operating services under the LocalLink banner funded by the National Transport Authority; the reason such payments under the free travel scheme are being made in respect of services funded by another agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [16783/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the building of the proposed new train station at a location (details supplied) will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [16828/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number and location of all organisations which have direct award contracts with the National Transport Authority; and the duration of such contracts. — Clare Daly. [16842/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number and location of all organisations in which the National Transport Authority is funding the salaries of the administrative staff in which those organisations have or had in the past direct award contracts with the National Transport Authority; and the expected duration of the continuity of such payments by the authority. — Clare Daly. [16843/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number and routes of all public service contracts tendered by transport coordination units on behalf of the National Transport Authority since 2015; the duration of such contracts; and the number of such contracts operated by wheelchair accessible vehicles. — Clare Daly. [16845/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of road passenger transport route licences suspended, surrendered and revoked, respectively by year since 2015; and details of the routes involved. — Clare Daly. [16846/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of large public service vehicles inspected and found to be defective at Road Safety Authority Inspections by county since 2017. — Clare Daly. [16847/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of large public service vehicles which failed the commercial vehicle roadworthiness test on their first inspection by county and year since 2017. — Clare Daly. [16848/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a car which has been off the road since 2013 can be reinstated without the owner having to pay road tax for all of the intervening

years; and if provision is made to assess vehicles which have been quite clearly out of use for an extended period. — Robert Troy. [16859/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a holder of a British driver licence can retain C1E and D1 and D1E categories when the holder transfers over to an Irish driver licence; the procedure by which this is done; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16867/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter in relation to a road (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16891/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the capital expenditure on public transport for each year since 1992. — Eamon Ryan. [16925/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the capital expenditure on new road infrastructure including public private partnership expenditure for each year since 1992 by national, regional and local roads. — Eamon Ryan. [16926/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the average travel distance for journeys to work or education in each year since 1992. — Eamon Ryan. [16927/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the latest estimate for the cost of completing the restoration of the western rail corridor. — Eamon Ryan. [16928/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the latest estimate for the cost of completing the restoration of the Dublin to Navan railway. — Eamon Ryan. [16929/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the latest estimate for the cost of the DART interconnector. — Eamon Ryan. [16930/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the latest estimate for the cost of the Metro west proposal. — Eamon Ryan. [16931/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the latest estimate for the cost of the Cork light rail proposal. — Eamon Ryan. [16932/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated cost of each of the road infrastructure projects contained in the National Development Plan 2018 to 2027. — Eamon Ryan. [16933/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the stage of development and anticipated timescale for each of the road infrastructure projects contained in the National Development Plan 2018 to 2027. — Eamon Ryan. [16934/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the stage of development and anticipated timescale for each of the public transport infrastructure projects contained in the National Development Plan 2018 to 2027. — Eamon Ryan. [16935/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the latest estimate for the annual cost of traffic congestion to the economy. — Eamon Ryan. [16936/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the LocalLink transport service can be used to transport primary and secondary school students to and from their destinations. — Eugene Murphy. [16977/19]

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

*187. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of money allocated from schemes (details supplied) by county from 2016 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [16779/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if European regional funding will be available under rural community funds or under the BMW regional fund in order to enable refurbishment works be carried out at the railway station at Thomastown, Killucan, County Westmeath to enable it to be reopened to facilitate the passengers that wish to utilise the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [16789/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the name and location of all organisations which received funding from the dormant accounts fund since 2016 enabling them to purchase both small or large public service vehicles with such funding. — Clare Daly. [16844/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding will be granted to a school (details supplied) that has submitted an application through the CLÁR scheme; when successful 2019 CLÁR projects will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [16883/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to repopulate rural towns and villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [16978/19]

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

*192. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16767/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the capital disregard savings, shares and property for carer's allowance from €20,000 and €50,000; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16770/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full year cost of disregarding the half-rate carer's allowance in the means test for entitlement to the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16772/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 929 of 15 January 2019, the number of reviews completed by county by 28 February 2018 in relation to the review of the 2012 pension changes; the number of reviews remaining to be completed at that date; the number of persons in each county that will receive an increase in their pension as a consequence of the review in tabular form; the avenues open to persons that do not receive an increase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [16773/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to establish a Traveller specific employment strategy to support the training and employment objectives in the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 in view of the 80% unemployment in the community. — Bríd Smith. [16795/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the level of Traveller participation in activation programmes; and the specific targeted measures used to increase Traveller involvement. — Bríd Smith. [16796/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on a carer's allowance review in the case of a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [16813/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [16871/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the entitlements available in the case of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16884/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the levels of Traveller participation in activation programmes; the targeted measures used to increase Traveller involvement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [16894/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to establish a Traveller specific employment strategy to support the training and employment objectives of the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy in view of the 80% unemployment rate in the community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [16904/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for the suspension by the data access unit of her Department of the pension tracing service which had assisted with pension beneficiaries in tracing their pension entitlements; the number of queries which the system handled in each of the years 2016 to 2018; the number of such queries which were successfully completed in each year; her plans to assist persons with tracing their entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16906/19]

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

*204. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position regarding new social houses at a location (details supplied) in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [16885/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the circumstances under which previous time on the housing list can be aggregated with the current waiting time in the context of the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16774/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reviews conducted into An Bord Pleanála since its inception; if copies of same will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16836/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to introduce marine protected areas; and the role the NPWS would have in the process. — Eamon Ryan. [16865/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of AHB P&A agreements commenced in 2018; the average length of the agreements; the average cost of these agreements; and the details of all costs covered in the monthly availability agreement payment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16887/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of all costs covered by the monthly availability payment to a consortium (details supplied) for the first tranche of 534 PPP social houses. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16888/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the public sector benchmark exercised conducted to ensure value for money in the awarding of contracts to public private contracts to consortia for the delivery of the first tranche of social housing awarded in March 2019 to a company (details supplied) will be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16898/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when work will commence on the 74 units at Craddockstown, Naas, County Kildare in view of his announcement on 21 March 2019, of the award of social housing bundle 1 PPP to a consortium (details supplied); the timeframe for completion of the 74 units at the location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [16918/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of all local authority built houses completed in 2018, by local authority. — Róisín Shortall. [16942/19]

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

*213. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which various species of native birds or animals are in danger of extinction; if recent audits have taken place with a view to identifying the way in which to arrest further decline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16955/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which the numbers of grouse, partridge or other game birds continue to be monitored to prevent extinction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16956/19]

*215. 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 County Limerick. — Tom Neville. [16776/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of sites or buildings nationally in respect of which preservation or restorative works are in hand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16945/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of protected structures nationally deemed to be in need of further protective works be they heritage buildings or sites such as burial mounds or megalithic tombs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16946/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of historical sites that have been damaged in the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16947/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which museums are located throughout urban and rural Ireland in such a way as to ensure easy and ready access from an educational or tourism prospective with a special emphasis on local history; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16948/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which she continues to support heritage or interpretative centres nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16950/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which employment prospects are created nationally arising from various activities and restoration works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16951/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the degree to which she directly or indirectly continues to support the arts by way of grant aid with particular reference to commemorative events, musical or stage productions at local level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16952/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which the arts continues to be assisted by philanthropists on an annual basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16953/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which Waterways Ireland continues to develop and improve the canals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16954/19]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I
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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 11 APRIL, 2019**

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the fact that the Defence Forces had a net gain of just three members in 2017 despite a recruitment and training campaign costing in the region of €15 million. — Clare Daly. [16804/19]

2. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will report on the work of the Defence Forces computer incident response team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [16839/19]

3. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence when a decision will be taken on whether to deploy the Army Ranger Wing to the MINUSMA mission in Mali. — Clare Daly. [16806/19]

4. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the steps being taken to ensure better pay and working conditions for members of the Defence Forces; the further steps being taken to ensure appropriate supports are available to both current and former members of the Defence Forces that may be experiencing financial difficulties; if he is satisfied that recruitment methods are sufficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [16655/19]

5. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which the strength of the Defence Forces throughout the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps continues to be augmented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16924/19]

6. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the reason 150 members of the Defence Forces had their return from Lebanon delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [16838/19]

7. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the progress made on the next annual PESCO National Implementation Plan for Ireland; his views on putting the plan to a vote in Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16959/19]

8. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the steps he is taking to address retention of personnel within the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16649/19]

9. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to reintroduce a new Army barracks in counties Cavan and Monaghan or the greater Border region in view of Brexit and the possible reintroduction of a hard Border; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16651/19]

10. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the reason 130 members of the Defence Forces were unable to leave the Golan Heights on their scheduled departure date of 4 April 2019; and the steps he will take to ensure accountability for this failure in view of the fact that it is the second time in a year that members of the Defence Forces have been unable to return home on time. — Clare Daly. [16803/19]

11. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he was consulted in advance of the NATO conference on medical care of sailors in County Cork recently; if he approved the conference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16967/19]

12. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the outcome in relation to the proposal to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding the employment of a full-time military psychiatrist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16969/19]

13. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the frustration and disappointment of veterans and their families over the issues surrounding the awarding of certain medals for those that fought in the Jadotville battle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [16963/19]

14. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the reason for the recent problems with flights for members of Defence Forces returning back from Syria; and the measures that will be taken to avoid such instances in the future. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16970/19]

15. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if a psychiatrist has been appointed to the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16652/19]

16. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he has had consultation with a person (details supplied) following recognition by the President of the United States of America of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights; if so, the details of the interactions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [16896/19]

17. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on reports that the artillery regiment based at Custume Barracks, Athlone is to be relocated to Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16648/19]

18. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which the Defence Forces have ongoing opportunities to avail of training techniques and facilities available to other forces throughout Europe with a view to ensuring capability to deal with emergencies that may arise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16923/19]

19. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on whether a commission should be established to examine defence matters in the same way as policing was reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [16841/19]

20. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the Defence Forces are struggling to fill command positions for an imminent rotation of troops attached to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [16840/19]

21. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the security advice for UN soldiers and associated personnel attached to the UN mission in the Golan Heights not to use UN vehicles with the UN's livery when travelling in the region; if so, if his group flaunted that advice during his visit to the region in March 2019; and the person or body that made the decision to ignore the security advice. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16971/19]

22. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the progress made in appointing a multidisciplinary team in conjunction with Kildare County Council to examine current and future challenges arising on the Curragh plains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [16974/19]

23. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 70 of 2 April 2019, if a coherent plan will be ensured for migrants after rescue which has not been the case with Operation Sophia for future missions by the Defence Forces in view of his concerns over the treatment of migrants when returned to Libya. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [16962/19]

24. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on whether the 8.1% turnover or churn in the Defence Forces is crippling the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [16837/19]

25. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of discussions with Kildare County Council regarding collaboration in addressing issues and identifying opportunities for the improved management and presentation of the Curragh plains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [16975/19]

26. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans for Ireland to participate in further PESCO projects; if so, the details of those projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16958/19]

27. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans for the reinstatement of troops in the Border counties in view of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16650/19]

28. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if members of the Defence Forces performed aid-to-civil-power duties for an aircraft (details supplied); and if they participated in the arrest or detention of two peace activists that were attempting to inspect the aircraft. — Clare Daly. [16807/19]

29. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the fact that members of the Defence Forces deployed in Mali are prescribed Mefloquine as a routine anti-malaria drug; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16968/19]

30. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on whether the recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights by the President of the United States of America may affect the UN mission in the Golan Heights and involvement by the Defence Forces in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [16895/19]

