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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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 whether the 8.1% turnover or churn in the Defence Forces is crippling the service; if the Defence Forces is struggling to fill command positions for a rotation of troops attached to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [17125/19]

2. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of the Public Service Pay Commission meeting with management parties following the joint submission from military authorities and his Department; if he or a representative from his Department was at the meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16981/19]

3. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of former officers of the Defence Forces that previously left the Defence Forces that have returned to the Defence Forces; when a scheme for former enlisted members to return will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [17126/19]

4. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his engagement with the Public Service Pay Commission in relation to the pay, allowances and conditions of members of the Defence Forces; his views on the need for improvements to pay and conditions in view of the low pay and poor conditions faced by members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16982/19]

5. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the remit of the European Peace Facility; the way in which it will be financed; and the way in which it will contribute to conflict prevention and peace building. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [16964/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*36. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the details of the participation by members of the Defence Forces in a PESCO project in Mali; if he is satisfied that this participation does not compromise the traditional policy of military neutrality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [16999/19]

*37. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the rumour that the artillery unit is to be moved to Dublin from Custume Barracks by the end of 2021 with up to 250 members in this unit. — Robert Troy. [17105/19]

*38. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the State contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) over the past seven years; and the contracts delivered according to the original contract. — Robert Troy. [17111/19]

*39. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which transport provisions for troops going abroad or returning therefrom can be relied upon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17168/19]

*40. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the degree to which the membership of the Defence Forces continues to be replenished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17169/19]

*41. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the degree to which military and technical equipment throughout the Defence Forces receives regular maintenance and updating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17170/19]

*42. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the strength of the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps reserves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17171/19]

*43. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the degree to which regular training is made available to the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps reserves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17172/19]

*44. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of members of the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps that have retired or resigned in the past two years; the extent to which they have been replaced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17173/19]

*45. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps continues to receive specialist training to deal with emergencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17174/19]

*46. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which the Naval Service and Air Corps are likely to have access to upgraded training facilities and equipment to undergo extra surveillance work likely in the aftermath of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17175/19]

*47. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the steps he has taken to ensure that all branches of the Defence Forces have ready access to pay and service conditions comparable to those alongside whom they may be deployed on overseas missions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17176/19]

*48. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which gender balance continues to be maintained with the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17177/19]

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

*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the State contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) over the past seven years; and the contracts delivered according to the original contract. — Robert Troy. [17115/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*50. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to introduce legislation to protect consumers in dealing with insurance companies specifically in cases in which the companies are refusing businesses insurance cover without adequate explanation or refusing to explain the reason for refusals especially in situations in which the business has been a customer for many years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [16990/19]

*51. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of primary schools registered for value added tax in each of the years 2015 to 2018; if his Department has a policy in relation to primary schools registering for VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [17043/19]

*52. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of post-primary schools registered for value added tax in each of the years 2015 to 2018; if his Department has a policy in relation to post-primary schools registering for VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [17044/19]

*53. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of third-level institutions registered for value added tax in each of the years 2015 to 2018; if his Department has a policy in relation to third-level institutions registering for VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [17045/19]

*54. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost to date and the anticipated final cost of the appeal in a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17046/19]

*55. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which the amount in the escrow account set up on foot of the EU Commission state aid ruling in a case (details supplied) has varied since its establishment; if there is a net average monthly cost or gain accruing to the fund including income and expenses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17047/19]

*56. To ask the Minister for Finance the State contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) over the past seven years; and the contracts delivered according to the original contract. — Robert Troy. [17114/19]

*57. To ask the Minister for Finance the loss to the Exchequer on an annual basis of the favourable tax treatment currently offered to REITs; and the breakdown of the value by each type of tax benefit. — Róisín Shortall. [17130/19]

*58. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of REITs in existence here each year since 2013; the number of residential property units held by these funds in each year since 2013; his plans for changes to the tax structure for these funds to remove the incentive of buying up large numbers of residential properties to rent thus penalising first-time buyers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17184/19]

*59. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the cycle to work scheme in order that more of the costs associated with cargo bikes are met under the scheme. — Róisín Shortall. [17186/19]

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

*60. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost of the ongoing strategic review for the Phoenix Park to date; and the anticipated cost upon completion. — Joan Burton. [17051/19]

*61. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 150 of 11 December 2018, if funding will be provided to the club (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [17096/19]

*62. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the State contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) over the past seven years; and the contracts delivered according to the original contract. — Robert Troy. [17119/19]

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

*63. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a child (details supplied) who lives within the school catchment area and attends a school is not being accommodated on a school bus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [17067/19]

*64. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of two applications for funding by a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16991/19]

*65. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a SNA that has taken a career break in order to undertake further study is eligible to work during their career break in the same way a teacher on a career break can carry out substituting duties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [17008/19]

*66. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress made to replace and renovate a school (details supplied) in County Cork following the fire that engulfed the school over three years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [17010/19]

*67. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if home schooling for a child (details supplied) will be expedited; if his attention has been drawn to the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [17019/19]

*68. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the commencement of building works as a school (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [17021/19]

*69. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of providing release time for administrative and management purposes of one day per week for each teaching principal of a primary school; his plans to bring this about in view of the increased workload and demands on principal teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [17022/19]

*70. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the main categories of teacher absence in primary schools for which substitute cover is not provided for; the cost of providing for substitute cover in each such category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [17023/19]

*71. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the response to Parliamentary Question Nos. 233, 234 and 235 of 15 January 2019 and the level of non-compliance with RCT within the education sector specifically the number of educational bodies funded by the State which are not registered to operate the relevant contracts tax system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [17040/19]

*72. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if capital payments are made to educational bodies that are not registered to operate the relevant contracts tax system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [17041/19]

*73. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to ensure bodies funded by his Department are compliant with the tax system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [17042/19]

*74. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the arrangements that will be made to provide a school place for a child (details supplied); the options being considered in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [17066/19]

*75. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the actions he has taken on foot of a recommendation of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Climate Action that his Department should by the end of 2019, in consultation with the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment and other relevant experts, review the curriculums for primary and secondary education for coverage and accuracy to ensure that students are fully literate on climate change and its potential impact. — Thomas Byrne. [17070/19]

*76. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will review and increase the amount permitted by SUSI for a student applicant's earning from holiday employment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [17078/19]

*77. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to open up consideration of divestment of a national school to provide a multi-denominational option for persons in north County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [17101/19]

*78. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the State contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) over the past seven years; and the contracts delivered according to the original contract. — Robert Troy. [17112/19]

*79. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) can apply for reapproval of a higher education grant if and when they resume their studies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17159/19]

*80. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a school place will be available for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17167/19]

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

*81. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the position of Garda sergeant in Strokestown Garda station, County Roscommon has changed from a permanent to a roving position; if so, when the change occurred; the reason for the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [16987/19]

*82. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will consider introducing or supporting legislation to ensure that proof of identity is required for the purchase of mobile phones (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [17091/19]

*83. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the State contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) over the past seven years; and the contracts delivered according to the original contract. — Robert Troy. [17118/19]

*84. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) can renew their student visa enabling them to study and work part-time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17149/19]

*85. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) can obtain residency permission to remain and or stamp 4 or equivalent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17150/19]

*86. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if stamp 4 will be considered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17151/19]

*87. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if stamp 4 or permission to remain will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17152/19]

*88. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and potential residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17153/19]

*89. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when stamp 4 will be updated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17154/19]

*90. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) can have their child join them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17155/19]

*91. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the assessment of the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17156/19]

*92. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of the case pursuant to section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999 (as amended) in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17161/19]

*93. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if provision will be made to facilitate a person (details supplied); if alternative provision will be made to facilitate their application for naturalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17162/19]

*94. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a person (details supplied) will qualify for a stamp 4 update; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17164/19]

*95. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17165/19]

*96. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of eligibility for naturalisation in the case of person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17166/19]

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

*97. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of actions taken by the WRC enforcement section on foot of the refusal by an employer to fulfil an award made to an employee after a WRC hearing or an adjudication in each of the years 2016 to 2018. — Bríd Smith. [16993/19]

*98. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the reason the WRC has decided not to take action to enforce its own findings in a case in which an employer claims they did not receive documentation regarding a hearing; if such defences by employers are routinely accepted by the WRC as a defence when an employer has lost a hearing adjudication decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [16994/19]

*99. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to grant access to An Garda Síochána and other representative groups in the Defence Forces or those that represent retired employees access to the industrial relations machinery of the State under the Industrial Relations (Amendment) Act 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [16989/19]

*100. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when the new advance factory locations for inward investment will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [17061/19]

*101. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will consider changes to the work permit system to allow healthcare assistants and other categories of healthcare professionals to be recruited abroad and to be treated more favourably by the work permit rules in view of the shortage of qualified personnel here as highlighted by the nursing home operators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [17085/19]

*102. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the State contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) over the past seven years; and the contracts delivered according to the original contract. — Robert Troy. [17107/19]

*103. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on requiring large accountancy firms to separate audit functions from non-audit business further to a parliamentary report in the UK. — Billy Kelleher. [17145/19]

*104. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on audit proposals (details supplied) as proposed in the UK. — Billy Kelleher. [17146/19]

*105. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the EU and domestic regime pertaining to competition policy; and the sanctions available to the national regulator for breaches of competition law. — Billy Kelleher. [17147/19]

*106. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if an application for a work permit will be reconsidered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17157/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*107. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that patients with a medical card in an area (details supplied) are being charged for services which should be free of charge for persons with a medical card. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [16983/19]

*108. To ask the Minister for Health if the promised review into car parking charges in hospitals has been completed; if national guidelines to regulate car parking fees in hospitals will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [16984/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Health when a MRI scan will be carried out for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16985/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Health if the reason a school (details supplied) has not been allocated a dentist for the provision of dental services for children under 16 years of age that attend the school will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [16986/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that general practitioner surgeries in counties Sligo and Leitrim have put up signs stating blood tests are taking one month to process due to staff shortages (details supplied) in Sligo University Hospital; the way in which he plans to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [16988/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a further external review of the case of a person (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [16992/19]

*113. To ask the Minister for Health if he will establish a registry for persons suffering from fibromyalgia; if fibromyalgia can be added to the long term illness list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [16997/19]

*114. To ask the Minister for Health the further length of time a person (details supplied) must wait for treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17001/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17006/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive the required services and intervention. — Brian Stanley. [17007/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Health the number employed in whole-time equivalent terms for staff categories (details supplied) by CHO in tabular form. — John Brassil. [17009/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Health if a post-project review has been compiled and published for the primary care bundle PPP as per the Public Spending Code. — Jonathan O’Brien. [17020/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be made for a child (details supplied) in WUH; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [17027/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that children in north County Dublin are waiting up to three years for early intervention; his views on whether the

HSE should dispense with the use of the term early intervention in view of the length of the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17029/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Health the role of the HSE Job Evaluation Board for clerical grades in jumping applications from category 5 to be evaluated before category 4; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that basic grade clerical officers have been working way in excess of their grade and pay scale for a number of years, yet they are continuously being told that their applications to the HSE Job Evaluation Board for clerical grades are being mislaid or subject to financial constraints or other; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17030/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions No. 301 of 2 April 2019, the rules in relation to the nominating of a licence holder to collect their prescribed medicinal cannabis product; and if a distribution company could be nominated to collect the prescribed medication and deposit at a nominated pharmacy in view of the HPRA position (details supplied) that a pharmacy can hold a licence and be supplied with cannabis based medication. — Louise O'Reilly. [17031/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Health if he will supply Ballinrobe, County Mayo with an ambulance base; the reason the town does not already have a base; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [17039/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure a person (details supplied) has their operation for tonsillectomy; the number of persons on waiting lists for tonsillectomy in each county; the average wait in each county; and the longest wait in each county. — Peadar Tóibín. [17050/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review of the nursing home support scheme in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17052/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a complaint made by a person (details supplied) in relation to the circumstances of the delivery of their child at Kerry General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [17055/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health the dates and attendees since 1 May 2016 of meetings between his Department and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment regarding the health benefits of a nationwide ban on smoky coal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [17056/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health the status of Mulranny ambulance base, County Mayo; the staff stationed there; and the number of days per week and hours per day the base is manned. — Lisa Chambers. [17058/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be given an appointment for urgent treatment. — Sean Sherlock. [17059/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct the HSE to reinstate the authorisation for Versatis Lidocaine 5% medicated plasters to the medical card for a person (details supplied). — Imelda Munster. [17062/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant gastroenterologist posts that have been advertised since 2018; the number of these posts that have been filled to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17072/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of the extension of free general practitioner care for children up to 12 years of age. — Stephen Donnelly. [17073/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the general scheme of the assisted human reproduction Bill; when the Bill will be enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [17074/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in 2019 of the first phase of restoration of FEMPI for general practitioners; and the estimated full year cost of the restoration. — Stephen Donnelly. [17075/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in 2020 of the second phase of restoration of FEMPI for general practitioners; and the estimated full year cost of the restoration. — Stephen Donnelly. [17076/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for the provision of a MRI scanner for St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny; if the funding will be provided in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [17087/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a patient transfer between UHL and the Mater Hospital on 4 April 2018 could not be completed by ambulance and had to be carried out by a family member; if this endangered the patient; his views on whether this was acceptable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [17089/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the provision of breast clinic services in St. James's Hospital are being cut back; the steps he will take in relation to same; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that carriers of genetic braca 1 and 2 are having repeat visits and check-ups extended from once every six months to once every 12 months, that family history clinics are being closed and those attending are referred back to their general practitioners; his views on these cuts to the services; and the reason the services are being cut. — Bríd Smith. [17094/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health the level of ambulance cover for County Longford especially on Monday and Tuesday nights; if he will direct the HSE to review ambulance cover in the county once a facility (details supplied) opens in 2019 adding an additional 6,000 persons to the area when at maximum capacity; if the HSE is satisfied with the level of cover for the county and region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [17098/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health if a property (details supplied) has been disposed of; if so, the new owner of the property; if not, the position regarding the property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [17099/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health the relevant criteria with regard to minimum staffing requirements and service levels necessary for a jigsaw service to be funded by the HSE. — John Curran. [17104/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health the State contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) over the past seven years; and the contracts delivered according to the original contract. — Robert Troy. [17116/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether a one to two year wait for a standard hospital appointment is acceptable (details supplied); if the process can be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17124/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health if a body has been appointed to monitor compliance and effectiveness of the Non-Broadcast Advertising and Marketing of Food and Beverages including Sponsorship and Retail Product Placement: Voluntary Codes of Practice; and the reason for the delay. — Róisín Shortall. [17128/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health the status of surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17133/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of implementing the framework for safe nurse staffing and skill mix in all acute hospital settings; the number of additional nursing staff, that is, whole-time equivalent that would be required for the implementation of the framework in all acute hospital settings; the number of additional healthcare assistants, that is, whole-time equivalent required for same; and if he will report on the development of a national implementation plan for incremental roll out across hospitals. — Stephen Donnelly. [17134/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card will issue in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17163/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that will be in receipt of free general practitioner care if it is extended as proposed in 2020; and the net increase in the number of children covered resulting from the proposed change. — Stephen Donnelly. [17189/19]

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

*149. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payments will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17103/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the State contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) over the past seven years; and the contracts delivered according to the original contract. — Robert Troy. [17106/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 208 of 8 November 2018, if the tender has been awarded; and the status of the vessel. — Charlie McConalogue. [17135/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding allocated in 2019 to each specific State agency under his aegis including Bord Bia, Bord Iascaigh Mhara, the National Milk Agency, Teagasc and the Marine Institute by current and capital funding in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [17136/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 387 of 29 November 2017, the first and full year costs of the proposals in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [17137/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress to date for each of the action points agreed in the beef roundtable in November 2014 (details supplied); the details of each such action point that has been completed, not completed or is ongoing, respectively; and the revised deadlines for action points not delivered by the original timeframes in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [17138/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated annual cost and seven year cost if the Exchequer were to fill the deficit caused by the proposed cut to Ireland's pillar 1 direct payments and pillar 2 rural development programme allocations for the next CAP programme post-2020 following the publication of the 2018 MFF proposals for the 2021-2027 period; and the maximum co-financing rate permitted for member states under pillar 2 for the amount of national exchequer funding to a RDP over a full CAP window. — Charlie McConalogue. [17140/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has spoken to his ministerial colleagues regarding content in the green schools content regarding meat and dairy consumption for children. — Charlie McConalogue. [17141/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason there is a €41 million unspent allocation for 2018 in his Department (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [17142/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on clubs (details supplied) and similar initiatives for the beef sector in the future. — Charlie McConalogue. [17143/19]

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

*159. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when broadband will be brought to Kilcommon, Thurles, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [17060/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when persons (details supplied) will receive broadband; if they will be included in this phase of the roll out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [17063/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a business within 200 metres of the route scheduled for broadband can be considered to be included in this phase of the roll out for same (details supplied); the way in which the routes are decided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [17093/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the State contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) over the past seven years; and the contracts delivered according to the original contract. — Robert Troy. [17109/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans in relation to the elimination of single use plastics; and when particular types of single use plastics will be banned. — Róisín Shortall. [17188/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will provide information (details supplied) regarding landfill waste management sites. — Brendan Ryan. [17194/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will provide the Environmental Protection Agency's regulations governing bird control requirements on landfill waste management sites and insofar as such bird control regulations pertain to concerns for the interests of and or the protection of public health and safety (details supplied). — Brendan Ryan. [17195/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will provide information regarding a project (details supplied). — Brendan Ryan. [17197/19]

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

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if health vehicles are exempt from motor tax (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [16995/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a post-project review has been compiled and published for the National Conference Centre PPP as per the Public Spending Code. — Jonathan O'Brien. [17018/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to fund the Thurles bypass in 2019 or 2020; if funding will be provided for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [17071/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of landings made by the coast guard helicopter for both training and operational reasons at the site of the airstrip at Cluain Leacht an Abba near Cleggan, Connemara in each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17079/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the permanent facilities available to the west Connemara Coast Guard at the airstrip at Cluain Leacht an Abba, Cleggan, County Galway; if showers, toilets and electricity are available at the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17080/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress made with the provision of a permanent Coast Guard base at Cluain Leacht on Abba as promised; when the facility will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17081/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to discuss the provision of permanent lighting at the airstrip at Cluain Leacht on Abba, near Cleggan in Connemara with the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to assist the night time landing of Coast Guard and medivac ambulances there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17082/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated costs of a project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [17088/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding being provided in 2019 or planned for 2020 for the Thurles inner relief road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [17090/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the State contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) over the past seven years; and the contracts delivered according to the original contract. — Robert Troy. [17121/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 307 and 308 of 4 April 2019, the reason an executive summary of the report cannot be published on the competence of the IAA after a recent oversight audit on security matters which are of essential importance to the public interest; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that an appeal will be made to the Office of the Information Commissioner if a summary is not forthcoming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [17122/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated cost to provide free nationwide public transport to persons in full-time education. — Eamon Ryan. [17178/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount spent on road maintenance in each year since 1992 by local, regional and national roads. — Eamon Ryan. [17179/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the new road infrastructure projects contractually committed to or under construction; and the cost of each. — Eamon Ryan. [17180/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the public transport projects contractually committed to or under construction; and the cost of each. — Eamon Ryan. [17181/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the investigation carried out of the investment and operational support which would be needed to establish an integrated public transport service providing a level of service comparable to the best systems in other European countries; and if he will provide documents resulting from this research. — Eamon Ryan. [17182/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the 115A bus morning and evening peak period through service will be reinstated as promised by the NTA in November 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [17183/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if it is a statutory requirement of the National Transport Authority to attend local authority meetings on transport if they are requested to do so. — Róisín Shortall. [17185/19]

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

*185. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the proportion of children in care that received criminal charges while in the care of the State in each of the years 2016 to 2018. — Clare Daly. [16996/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the State contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) over the past seven years; and the contracts delivered according to the original contract. — Robert Troy. [17108/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason for the continued delay in the State ratifying the second optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; and the rationale for the State not ratifying the protocol. — Róisín Shortall. [17127/19]

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

*188. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his attention has been drawn to a survey (details supplied); his views on the potential loss of revenue in view of the low rate of dog licences paid for in comparison to the level of dog ownership indicated by the survey; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17012/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if material changes to proposals approved under category 1 require approval; and reapplication; and if it is acceptable to proceed with amended proposals on condition of meeting the relevant fund criteria regarding the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17034/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the State contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) over the past seven years; and the contracts delivered according to the original contract. — Robert Troy. [17120/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the projects and initiatives that will be affected in 2019 as a result of the €3 million adjustment of the further revised estimates in the 2019 vote of his Department. — Jonathan O'Brien. [17123/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the statutory requirements for local authorities in relation to development of and support of public participation networks; and the percentage of the State currently covered by a PPN. — Róisín Shortall. [17187/19]

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

*193. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the review of State pensions paid to pensioners that took time out to care for children will be completed; when increases in the rate of payment due to these pensioners will be awarded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [17000/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the rationale for the decision to increase the pension age to 67 years of age in 2021 and 68 years of age in 2028; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [17003/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that have been referred to JobPath for a second and third time. — John Brady. [17004/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has not received increases to their pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [17005/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she is taking to address the fact that community employment scheme supervisors have not received a pay rise in over ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17015/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to seek the location of the new European labour authority here; the resources that will be committed to the campaign to achieve same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [17026/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [17032/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to reform social protection for the self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17054/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the Seetec service is the most relevant service for professional actors. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [17069/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a survey carried out in 2018 by her Department of parents on domiciliary care allowance in relation to potentially increasing the disability allowance age from 16 to 18 years of age and extending the domiciliary care allowance age from 16 to 18 years of age; when a decision will be made on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [17102/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the State contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) over the past seven years; and the contracts delivered according to the original contract. — Robert Troy. [17113/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost in the first year and the full year cost of a proposal (details supplied). — Billy Kelleher. [17144/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can rely on €30 per week maintenance payment as decided by the courts from their spouse that has left the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17158/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when child benefit and or one parent family allowance is payable in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17160/19]

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

*207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason a half-rate carer's payment is assessed as means under HAP but not under rent supplement in circumstances

in which those being transferred from rent supplement to HAP are having their half-rate carer's payment assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [17002/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the implications of circular letter EL 02/2011 in terms of persons in the public sector being recruited from outside the common recruitment pool (details supplied); if the issues of deterrence, unfairness and inequity which arise in terms of recruitment of experienced persons will be given consideration; the statutory instrument that allows the circular to set down this position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17011/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a defined benefit pension scheme (details supplied) has been closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [17033/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measure for inflation used in the calculation of the public sector benchmark for the first bundle of public private partnership social housing agreed in March 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17035/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the licence granted to a company (details supplied) for the mechanical harvesting of kelp in Bantry Bay overrides all other licences operating in the area; if fishermen that leave their fishing equipment in the kelp cutting licence area do so at their own risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [17036/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there will be an increase to the mandatory minimum 500 metre setback distance for the construction of turbines nears homes in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [17057/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the process and timeline for the review of the strategic housing developments fast track planning; the way in which persons can make submissions on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16998/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the additional resources provided to each local authority to enable the implementation of new regulations on short-term lets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [17024/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the date on which the regulations on short-term lets will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [17025/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the report of the expert group on Traveller accommodation programmes will be published; if the report will be brought to Dáil Éireann for debate or discussion; if all local authorities will be provided with the report in order to inform local Traveller accommodation programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [17037/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there was a risk adjustment included in the public sector benchmark exercise for the social housing PPP contract signed in March 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17048/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of an application by persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17053/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the date, location and volume of units of all official openings for social housing schemes for local authority, approved housing bodies or other or sod turnings he or other Ministers have partaken in since 1 May 2016, in chronological and tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [17065/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; when funding will be made available for the scheme to proceed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [17077/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the working group will publish the outcome of its deliberations on new rural housing guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [17083/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if funding remains in place for a house building project by an organisation (details supplied) at a location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [17092/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the remaining budget allocation available for pending applications of the final allocation for 2018 approved to Kerry County Council for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [17100/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the State contacts awarded to a company (details supplied) over the past seven years; and the contracts delivered according to the original contract. — Robert Troy. [17117/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the options open to a planning authority in terms of setting conditions to restrict the full sale of a new development to an individual landlord; and the steps he is taking to ensure that local authorities are in a position to plan for a strong tenure mix, that is, a mix of both rental and purchase in new developments. — Róisín Shortall. [17129/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of vacant housing officers by local authority. — Róisín Shortall. [17131/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of heritage officers by local authority. — Róisín Shortall. [17132/19]

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

*228. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the criteria and regulations governing the granting of passenger boat licences in an area (details supplied); the persons or bodies that hold these licences; and if traditional boatmen were given preference in the granting of same. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [17038/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if Dublin City Council applied to the National Parks and Wildlife Service for wildlife licences permitting control measures on public health and safety grounds for the scaring of seagull flocks off and away from treated water reservoirs at Stillorgan and Ballyboden; if licences were availed of; and if she will provide information (details supplied) regarding same. — Brendan Ryan. [17198/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the State contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) over the past seven years; and the contracts delivered according to the original contract. — Robert Troy. [17110/19]

