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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee E (Health) last met. — Micheál Martin. [16669/19]

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

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

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

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

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

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

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with Prime Minister May since 29 March 2019; and if officials on his behalf have spoken with British officials in relation to plans post 31 October 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [16356/19]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when he last spoke with the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Theresa May. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16452/19]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to Prime Minister May since the indicative votes took place; and if he has discussed with her the prospect of direct rule in Northern Ireland. — Brendan Howlin. [16480/19]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he has discussed the Northern Ireland Executive with Prime Minister May recently; and his views on whether there will be direct rule in Northern Ireland due to the lack of progress. — Micheál Martin. [16668/19]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent conversations with Prime Minister May. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16746/19]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on recent conversations with the UK Prime Minister, Mrs. Theresa May. — Eamon Ryan. [17624/19]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent discussions with Prime Minister May. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17789/19]

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

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent conversations with the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Ms Jacinda Ardern. — Brendan Howlin. [16481/19]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent conversations with the Prime Minister of New Zealand. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17790/19]

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

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

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the EU Council meeting held on 10 April 2019; the issues that were discussed; and if he had bilaterals before or after same. — Micheál Martin. [16667/19]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with EU leaders. — Eamon Ryan. [17623/19]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the European Council on 10 April 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [17715/19]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent telephone conversations with EU heads of government as indicated in his statement in advance of the Special European Council of 9 April 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [17716/19]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the EU Council meeting of 10 April 2019. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17788/19]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he had bilateral meetings at the EU Council meeting on 10 April 2019; and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [17816/19]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he spoke with or met with President Macron at the April 2019 EU Council meeting. — Micheál Martin. [17820/19]

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

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

38. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee G (Justice and Equality) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Mary Lou McDonald. [17457/19]

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

40. To ask the Taoiseach the number of FOI requests received by his Department in 2018; and the number of requests granted, partially granted and refused. — Mary Lou McDonald. [17456/19]

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

42. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the National Digital Strategy being led by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16454/19]

43. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the National Digital Strategy being led by his Department. — Brendan Howlin. [16482/19]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met. — Michael Moynihan. [16722/19]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met; and when it will next meet. — Eamon Ryan. [16738/19]

46. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee F (National Security) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Mary Lou McDonald. [17458/19]

47. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee F (National Security) last met. — Brendan Howlin. [17714/19]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps being taken at EU level to address potential interference from outside actors in the upcoming European Parliament elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [17781/19]

49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing difficulties being faced by Irish citizens in Northern Ireland in asserting their Irish citizenship and in certain cases Irish citizens are being forced to renounce British citizenship even though they are not nor have they have claimed to be British citizens; the steps he is taking to ensure that the British Government fully upholds the Good Friday Agreement in all its parts including those relating to citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [17697/19]

50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of Brexit in view of the granting of a flexextension to 31 October 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [17782/19]

51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if airlines will be contacted to request the passport details of persons when they book flights (details supplied); and if a printing service will be provided in the Cork passport office. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17821/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the plans announced by the Israeli Ministry of Construction and Housing to move settlers into the illegally occupied Golan Heights; his further views on whether continued flouting of international law should be condemned more robustly by the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [17593/19]

53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to recent anti-government protests in Sudan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [17562/19]

54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the increased take-up of the online passport service; his plans to extend the online service for more applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [17588/19]

55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the diplomatic steps Ireland is taking to highlight and end the persecution of Christians worldwide. — Thomas Byrne. [17616/19]

56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position of Ireland on the situation in Libya in relation to the recent advance of a person (details supplied) on Tripoli. — Eamon Ryan. [17627/19]

57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the most recent discussions of the Foreign Affairs Council meeting on 8 April 2019 with regard to the recent developments in Libya; the stance taken by representatives of Ireland at the meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [17603/19]

58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress being made to ban female genital mutilation at both EU and UN level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17398/19]

59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the assistance his Department is providing to Mozambique to recover from the devastation brought by Cyclone Idai (details supplied); and if he will report the response of Ireland to the disaster and humanitarian crisis. — Seán Crowe. [17561/19]

60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the comments of the Israeli Prime Minister that if he wins re-election he will annex illegal Israeli colonial settlements in the occupied West Bank; if he will condemn these comments; and the response he will take if Israel moves towards annexing illegal Israeli colonial settlements in Palestine. — Seán Crowe. [17558/19]

61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if regulatory alignment on agriculture matters post the UK leaving the European Union has been discussed and agreed as part of the negotiations between the EU Brexit negotiating term and the UK Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [17193/19]

62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has discussed with his UK counterpart the issue of border checks on trucks originating here and arriving in the UK from Rosslare Europort but that plan to travel onwards to another country within the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [17257/19]

63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the impasse in Venezuela and the views of many that the EU and NATO allied countries have shown hypocrisy in their reaction to the situation in Venezuela; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [17595/19]

64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if progress has been made on establishing an E3 visa agreement between Ireland and the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17399/19]

65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps he and his EU colleagues are taking to bring to an end the incarceration of a reported two million Uighur men in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [17190/19]

66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to renewed fighting in Libya and that the UN is reporting significant civilian casualties and thousands are fleeing fighting around Tripoli; and the steps Ireland is taking to ensure a new ceasefire is negotiated. — Seán Crowe. [17560/19]

67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the role of his Department in preparing for visits to Ireland by heads of state; and the role it will have in planning for a visit by the President of the United States of America. — Brendan Howlin. [15464/19]

68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the efforts being made on the needs of the undocumented Irish in the United States of America since the 2019 St. Patrick's Day visit; the extent to which ongoing negotiations continue to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17342/19]

69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the recent developments at EU and or international level to try and halt the expansion of illegal Israeli settlements on Palestinian land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [17586/19]

70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his commitment on business and human rights will be honoured; and if Ireland will be a leader in illustrating the way in which business should operate on increased ethical lines. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [17594/19]

71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action he plans to take in relation to the widespread and systematic abuse of the rights of Palestinian children that are subject to military law, arrest and interrogation and not accorded the same rights as Israeli children or the rights that would be expected to be given to children under international law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17629/19]

72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the United States of America recognition of the occupied Golan Heights in conjunction with the previous recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel; and his views on whether this will have a negative consequence on lasting peace and a two state solution. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [17591/19]

73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to call for a lifting of the sanctions on Venezuela which are causing significant hardship on the population as a first step in internationally facilitated talks between all sides in the country to resolve the present crisis. — Clare Daly. [17540/19]

74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the improvements ongoing within the passport office to improve the processing times and communication methods for those seeking passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [17587/19]

75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has discussed the outcome of the Israeli Knesset elections with his counterparts in Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17628/19]

76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he and his EU colleagues will act to demand that the Turkish Government cease its repressive approach to the Kurds in Turkey, restore the rule of law in south eastern Turkey and enter into dialogue with Kurdish representatives in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [17191/19]

77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the measures Ireland or the EU will take in response to the decision of the United States of America to recognise the Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17630/19]

78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on his discussions with his counterparts across Europe in relation to the abuse of women prisoners in Saudi Arabia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17631/19]

79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the trial of persons (details supplied); and if so, the action he has taken on the matter. — Clare Daly. [17539/19]

80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the escalating anti-Cuban rhetoric of President Trump including his latest threat to establish lawsuits against Cuban companies under Title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (Libertad) Act of 1996, known as the Helms-Burton Act; if his attention has been further drawn to the damage this could pose to the continuity of cooperation that Ireland and other countries share with Cuba; the representations which have been made to the United States of America regarding the hardening of the blockade against Cuba in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [17478/19]

81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the practice of sending officials and diplomats to men only membership organisation events will be ceased in advance of St. Patrick's Day and in honour of International Women's Day. — Joan Burton. [11970/19]

82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the diplomatic actions Ireland is taking in relation to new homophobic laws in Brunei; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [17617/19]

83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which he is addressing the negative consequences to the current cobalt rush in the Democratic Republic of Congo resulting from increased popularity of electric vehicles in developed countries; the way in which he plans to address the wide spectrum of corruption in the cobalt trade combined with abuses such as child labour at and around cobalt mine sites and links to state sanctioned violence and grand corruption; the extent to which he has incorporated the findings from a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [17477/19]

84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to develop an additional passport printing facility for the passport office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [17590/19]

85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of efforts by the EU to ensure that Hungary adheres to the rule of law, principles of democracy and European values and ideals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [17583/19]

86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to new legislation introduced in Brunei which includes punishments such as death by stoning or whipping for homosexuality; if he will condemn these new laws; and if he has raised the issue directly with the Government of Brunei. — Seán Crowe. [17559/19]

87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his decision of support to a person (details supplied) will be reconsidered with regard to the interim presidency of Venezuela; if he will consider working for a peaceful solution to the developments in Venezuela; if he will raise a case for this approach at the next Foreign Affairs Council meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [17604/19]

88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on whether the US Helms-Burton laws regarding Cuba are unjust; if he will push for the implementation of the EU-Cuba dialogue to counter growing aggression by the United States of America under the current administration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [17592/19]

89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the discussions he has had with his European counterparts with regard to complaints by Western Sahara in relation to abuse by Morocco of its fishing waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17632/19]

90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the degree to which he continues to find support for the Irish position on Brexit and is mindful of the need to maintain a common position throughout the EU with a view to achieving a borderless market and taxation economy on the island of Ireland, respecting the needs of both communities in Northern Ireland and recognising the importance of a good relationship between the EU and the UK post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17596/19]

91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if consideration has been given to the way in which the recent conflict in Libya could affect migrants that are already being kept in appalling conditions in detention centres in Libya; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [17584/19]

92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which he in addition to his EU and UN colleagues continue to press for humanitarian assistance in the various conflict zones globally; if consideration continues to be given to the provision of safe or protective havens for civilian communities fleeing from war, genocide and terrorism; the extent to which peacekeeping interventions are being considered in the most sensitive war zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17597/19]

93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the improvements being planned for the Cork passport office; his plans to add a printing facility to the Cork office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [17589/19]

94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the diplomatic response of Ireland to the policy of Israeli Prime Minister to promise to break international law and annex occupied Palestinian land; the way in which he will respond to a far right Israeli Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [17598/19]

95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position of Ireland on the recent announcement from the Israeli Prime Minister regarding plans to annex Israeli settlements in the West Bank. — Eamon Ryan. [17626/19]

96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of efforts to win a seat at the UN Security Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [17582/19]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*97. To ask the Taoiseach if the proposal to reappoint the Director General of the CSO for a second term is in line with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies. — Clare Daly. [17205/19]

*98. To ask the Taoiseach if his attention has been drawn to a survey of CSO staff (details supplied) that raised concerns with the Director General in regard to the technical statistical skills and qualifications of certain CSO staff. — Clare Daly. [17206/19]

*99. To ask the Taoiseach the action taken by CSO management on foot of an external report (details supplied) which referred to bullying of CSO staff working at Dublin Airport. — Clare Daly. [17207/19]

*100. To ask the Taoiseach if the competition for a high-level head of international relations at the CSO is restricted to internal candidates only; and if so, the reason therefor. — Clare Daly. [17208/19]

*101. To ask the Taoiseach if he spoke to or met Prime Minister May before the EU Council meeting on 10 April 2019; if so, the issues on Brexit that were discussed; if protection of the single market was discussed; and if citizens' rights and direct rule were also mentioned. — Micheál Martin. [17619/19]

*102. To ask the Taoiseach 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. [17259/19]

*103. To ask the Taoiseach the number or percentage of employees in his Department and in the agencies under his aegis with intellectual disabilities; and his plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005. — Brendan Ryan. [17494/19]

*104. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department and the agencies under his aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; and his plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy. — Brendan Ryan. [17511/19]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*111. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number or percentage of employees in his Department and in the agencies under his aegis with intellectual disabilities; his plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17484/19]

*112. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his Department and the agencies under his aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; his plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17501/19]

*113. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the nature of the contract entered into to transport Defence Forces personnel to and from the Golan Heights; if the contract was negotiated by his Department or the UN; and the discussions he plans to have in this regard in relation to the future. — Clare Daly. [17550/19]

*114. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the position in relation to privates and corporals in the Defence Forces that are reaching their 25 years of service in 2019; the arrangements in place to allow them continue and serve providing they pass fitness requirements; if the process is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17579/19]

*115. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if funding will be available in 2019 to purchase additional 4x4 armoured utility vehicles and additional armoured logistic vehicles for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [17706/19]

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

*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [17261/19]

*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action he will take following the adoption of a resolution (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [17273/19]

*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to support a UN binding treaty on business and human rights in 2019 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Barrett. [17340/19]

*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number or percentage of employees in his Department and in the agencies under his aegis with intellectual disabilities; his plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17488/19]

*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his Department and the agencies under his aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; his plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17505/19]

*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the findings in a recent report by a person (details supplied) in relation to the impact of a no-deal Brexit; and if he has spoken to his British counterpart and or Ms Arlene Foster or Ms Michelle O' Neill since it was published. — Michael Moynihan. [11933/19]

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has discussed the advantages of the UK remaining in the customs union after Brexit. — Michael Moynihan. [10597/19]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has spoken to his British counterpart in relation to the public inquiry into the murder of a person (details supplied) following the UK Supreme Court ruling on 27 February 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [10596/19]

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the conditions in a camp (details supplied) have been discussed at recent EU Foreign Council meetings; the steps that have been taken by the EU and Ireland to address the appalling conditions in the camps; his views on whether the camp is fit for purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [17683/19]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will ensure the speedy issuing of a passport for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17692/19]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which the western Balkans continue to accede to the *acquis communautaire*; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17802/19]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which positive steps can be taken to influence the future of Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17803/19]

*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the degree to which European enlargement can be influenced by positive influences in consort with the *acquis communautaire*; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17804/19]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which he, through the EU and UN, can positively influence matters in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17807/19]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which the international community is willing to become involved in peacekeeping in Yemen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17808/19]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which Irish aid continues to find its intended target in the various trouble spots throughout the globe with particular reference to ensuring maximum beneficial effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17809/19]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which he and the international community can continue to exert pressure to bring about an amicable peace process in the Israel Palestine conflict; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17810/19]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which Irish Embassies abroad continue to be actively involved in the promotion of increased volumes of trade with Ireland with particular reference to the aftermath of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17811/19]

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to set up an operations centre similar to the model being established in Northern Ireland to prepare for a no-deal Brexit. — Micheál Martin. [11931/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*135. To ask the Minister for Finance the negative effects the insurance industry here is likely to face from climate change; his views on whether the changes to climate policy in accordance with the UN Paris Climate Agreement will mitigate against these concerns; if consideration has been given to the fact that persons may have to pay more for insurance policies due to climate change; the measures that can be introduced to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [17230/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are changes foreseen in the applicability of the provision regarding the cumulative lifetime cap of €70,000 on the amount of tax relief that can be availed by young farmers as enacted in the Finance Act 2018 in view of the fact that there is

a need to increase the number of young persons choosing farming as their professional career; if there is flexibility in the implementation of the relevant European state aid agriculture regulation for member states; if he has raised this matter and the state aid regulation with the EU Commission; when the €70,000 limit in the Finance Act 2018 will begin to accumulate; if it applies to relief obtained from the day the Act came into operation; if not, if it is retrospective; and if stamp duty relief received by a farmer that inherited land previously counts towards the €70,000 limit. — Charlie McConalogue. [17275/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of tax compliance auditors the Revenue Commissioners employ; the number of non-compliant tax cases which were both opened and successfully closed in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the yields obtained in the five principal tax regions in each of those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [17278/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Irish cases investigated by the anti-fraud office of the European Commission in each of the years 2010 to 2018; the number of fines that subsequently issued; the number of prosecutions for each such case investigated; the type of fraud identified in Irish cases investigated; the amount recovered to the Exchequer or the EU budget from Irish cases investigated; and the number of recommendations for judicial, financial, disciplinary and administrative action taken by the competent authority here and the EU in each of the years 2010 to 2018. — Billy Kelleher. [17313/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on deferring the additional 1% betting duty tax until such time as he has completed a review of this tax proposal. — Robert Troy. [17320/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider a deferral of the implementation of the additional 1% betting tax duty until the review of the alternative proposals put forward by businesses within the betting sector is concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [17321/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Central Bank gathers data on the number of SMEs refused insurance quotes from a company for public and employer liability; the number of SMEs that have been refused in each of the years 2013 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17323/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount of revenue that would be generated if the abolition of tax relief for private health insurance premiums and the capping of such relief at 12% was introduced. — Billy Kelleher. [17414/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Finance the number or percentage of employees in his Department and in the agencies under his aegis with intellectual disabilities; his plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17487/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department and the agencies under his aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; his plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17504/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Finance the supports available for second time buyers that wish to downsize to a smaller more affordable home; if there are restrictions in place under Central Bank rules for second time buyers that wish to downsize; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17615/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Finance the dividend paid to the Exchequer by each commercial State company in each year since 2010, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17635/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Finance the weighted average interest rate on all new mortgages agreed, drawn from the retail interest rate statistics published by the Central Bank, for each quarter end since 1 January 2014, in tabular form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17638/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Finance if companies (details supplied) operated in each of the years 1999 to 2008 without a banking licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [17722/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the review of betting duty which is being undertaken; his plans to make changes to the betting duty to take effect in 2019; the timeline for the review; if his attention has been drawn to closures in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17726/19]

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

*150. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will implement the 2008 recommendations of the Labour Court in respect of pension entitlements for community employment scheme supervisors and assistant supervisors; the reason the recommendations have not been implemented; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that strike action is impending; if a high level forum set up to discuss the Labour Court recommendation has not met since December 2017; if he will meet with representatives of the community employment scheme supervisors and assistant supervisors in an effort to avert this strike action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [17676/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost of the Irish Government Economic and Evaluation Service since its establishment to date: the staffing costs; the commissioned consultancy costs; the specific policies accepted or implemented as a result of the work of the service; the specific policy changes as a result of the work of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17225/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of civil servants to date that have applied to transfer from Dublin zone 46 to another county in Munster, Leinster, Connaught and Ulster, respectively by grade in each Department under the service wide mobility scheme launched on 13 November 2017, in tabular form; the number of civil servants that requested a transfer to Dublin zone 46 by grade based in each province and county outside of Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [17264/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number or percentage of employees in his Department and in the agencies under his aegis with intellectual disabilities; his plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual

disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17492/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department and the agencies under his aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; his plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17509/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the sites owned by the OPW in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown local authority area; the address and size of the sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17519/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will meet with a group (details supplied) in the context of discussing the implementation of a pension scheme for community employment supervisors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [17739/19]

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

*157. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a person (details supplied) will receive a pension increase due on 1 January 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [17233/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a person (details supplied) will be awarded a special needs school place to meet their educational requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17256/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of persons on the autism spectrum waiting for a school placement at an autism spectrum disorder unit in Kilkenny city and county; the number of schools that have an ASD unit; the number of places in each unit; and the number of available spaces in each unit. — John McGuinness. [17200/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost to restore the standard capitation rate for pupils in primary schools to €200 which was the rate in 2010 prior to cuts; and his views on whether this is a diminishing cost in view of the falling enrolments in primary schools. — Kathleen Funchion. [17204/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount spent over the past year on social media advertisements directed at Irish teachers abroad encouraging them to return home to work in schools here. — Thomas Byrne. [17211/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a psychological assessment will be offered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17216/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school placement will be arranged at an ASD unit in Kilkenny city, possibly at the Kilkenny VEC for a person (details supplied); if confirmation of the placement will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [17217/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of plans to provide an ASD unit at a school (details supplied); the number on the list to be accommodated; the number of places to be provided; the level of funding required; the timeframe for a decision on the project and the funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [17226/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a school (details supplied) will be supplied with a new ASD unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [17235/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 178 of 12 December 2017, the status of the project; when the project will proceed to construction phase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17242/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the first and full year cost of reinstating the pre-2012 pupil teacher ratio in two, three and four teacher primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [17268/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated full year cost of restoring school transport services to the criteria that existed pre-2011; and the status of data set out in the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 237 of 3 December 2015 for the 2010 to 2018 period. — Dara Calleary. [17270/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to allocate a nurse to primary schools with students that have complex medical needs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [17295/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of a reduction of one at all points of the staffing schedule for primary schools from September 2020; and the net number of additional teaching posts involved in view of his predictions of falling enrolments in primary schools commencing in 2019 and continuing at a greater rate of fall thereafter. — Thomas Byrne. [17299/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of posts of responsibility which would be needed in primary schools to restore posts at the level which pertained prior to the moratorium; the estimated number of posts which were lost through the moratorium; the number that have been restored to date; the number of posts at AP1 and AP2 level being restored in the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 school years; and the estimated cost of full restoration at the pre-moratorium level for the school year 2020/2021. — Thomas Byrne. [17300/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the apprentice population forecasted in each employment sector and subsector in each of the years 2016 to 2020 by craft based and new consortia led apprenticeships; and the apprentice population in each employment sector and subsector at 31 March 2019. — Billy Kelleher. [17306/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of new consortia led apprenticeship programmes forecasted under the Action Plan to Expand Apprenticeship and Traineeship in Ireland 2016-2020 in each of the years 2016 to 2018; and the number realised, that is, new programmes operationalised for these targets in 2016, 2017 and 2018 and at 31 March 2019 for these new consortia led apprenticeship programmes in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [17307/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of male and female apprentices in training by each employment sector and subsector for craft based and consortia led apprenticeships at 31 March 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [17308/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of new apprenticeship registrations in each employment sector and subsector for all craft based and consortia led apprenticeships at 31 March 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [17309/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the previous occasion a forecast was conducted by the skills labour market and research unit of SOLAS and its apprenticeship services unit for annual registration targets for both craft and consortia led apprenticeships, respectively in each of the years to 2020 and over the next five years. — Billy Kelleher. [17310/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 63 of 11 October 2018, the latest estimated first and full year cost of the proposal in question. — Billy Kelleher. [17311/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding a meat free day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17333/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the criteria for reclassification of DEIS schools is being reviewed; when the work will be completed and the results published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [17338/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to open the July provision scheme to children with Down syndrome (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [17345/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the case of a child (details supplied) will be examined; if a SNA will be provided for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17353/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a school building (details supplied) has been sold to a private developer that plans to demolish the buildings in order to build houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [17369/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) can be placed on a supplementary panel for teaching positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [17371/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 67 of 18 October 2018, if the vacant positions have been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17392/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of an autism special school in the Dublin 15 area; if he will direct the NCSE to meet with parents to progress the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [17393/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will examine the SNA allocation for a school (details supplied) which has only two SNAs despite having 300 pupils and is a DEIS band 1 school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [17394/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the joint application by schools (details supplied) for additional accommodation of three prefabricated general classrooms will be expedited; if the approval and funding for same will be provided within a defined timeframe that will ensure the additional accommodation is in situ by the commencement of the school year in September 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [17467/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of students diagnosed with autism and awaiting a school place for primary school, secondary school and further post-secondary training, respectively in tabular form; his plans to increase places available by September 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [17468/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of SENOs by county; the number of children or families working with SENOs 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. — Thomas P. Broughan. [17469/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number or percentage of employees in his Department and in the agencies under his aegis with intellectual disabilities; his plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17485/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department and the agencies under his aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; his plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17502/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a use has been identified for the site bought at a location (details supplied) in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17521/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the opportunity of the recent sanctioning of a new primary school for Newtownmountkennedy, County Wicklow will be used to investigate the options for ensuring a one-site school for the existing primary school (details supplied). — Stephen Donnelly. [17547/19]

*194. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna an bhfuil sé i gceist aige a shocrú, mar chuid den Pholasaí don Oideachas Gaeltachta, 2017–2022, go n-earcófar síceolaithe le hardchumas Gaeilge le seirbhísí a chur ar fáil do na bunscoileanna agus do na meánscoileanna Gaeltachta; cén fáth nach bhfuil an tseirbhís seo ar fáil cheana féin; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17567/19]

*195. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cén uair a eiseoidh an tAire Stáit ina Roinn freagra ar litir (sonraí tugtha) a chuir sé ar aghaidh chuige; cén fáth nár freagraíodh go dáta é; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17571/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the date the revised pre-qualification process in respect of a school project (details supplied) commenced; when it will commence and advertisements will be published in respect of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17599/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if consideration will be given to a national policy to facilitate parents that must travel to work and want to have their children in school before they leave for work which would necessitate schools being open from 8.00am or 8.30am; his views on the benefits of this proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17602/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the date the project manager framework was established in respect of schools to be delivered under the ADAPT programme in respect of schools (details supplied); when the tender process will commence to appoint a project manager for the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17610/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the location in which it is proposed to establish a new school in 2021 (details supplied); if a site has been acquired for this school; the catchment area this school will serve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17621/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the land which is currently used as sports pitches by a school (details supplied) in Dublin 22 is in the ownership of his Department; if so, his future plans for the lands; if none, if the school and local soccer club can continue to use the lands and pitches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17622/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding is available for technology for children with disabilities that are home schooled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [17709/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application by a school (details supplied) has been granted; if so, when formal notification will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17718/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children in the Dublin 8 and 10 areas diagnosed with a need for an ASD unit placement for primary school through assessments of needs. — Joan Collins. [17743/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children in the Dublin 6, 6W and 12 areas diagnosed with a need for an ASD unit placement for primary school through assessments of needs. — Joan Collins. [17745/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding SOLAS courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17748/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 156 of 12 March 2019, if he will provide a list of the schools (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [17750/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of persons with a diagnosis of autism that would benefit from attending an ASD unit at primary and secondary level by county; the number of ASD units at primary and secondary level in each county; the number of places available at primary and secondary level in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17841/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans with regard to providing ABA schools for children with autism; the number of such schools funded by his Department; his plans to increase the supply of ABA schools; the reviews regarding the performance and outcomes of ABA schools which have been undertaken in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17842/19]

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

*209. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position in relation to the implementation here of the measures contained within the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17538/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 468 of 15 January 2019, if the mobility project has commenced; the way in which the justice system deals with persons that do not present their driver licence when requested (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [17272/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the specific works required by a company (details supplied) at a location to meet the catering and family needs of residents; and the timeframe for the completion of these works. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17303/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application for permission to remain in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17316/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a formal decision was taken to allow PSNI officers to carry weapons here which has been reported as being the case since 2013. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [17358/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of times firearms certificates have been granted to personnel from other jurisdictions; the personnel granted certificates; and the circumstances in which they were granted. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [17359/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the memorandum of understanding between the PSNI and An Garda Síochána regarding security arrangements for a person (details supplied) will be completed. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [17360/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if primary legislation will be required for the establishment of a national security coordinator; and if not, if proposals will be brought to Dáil Éireann for discussion and scrutiny. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [17361/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of the 200 new Garda recruits allocated to the Kilmainham, Sundrive, Kevin Street, Ballyfermot and Crumlin Garda stations. — Joan Collins. [17368/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of reported bike thefts from each DART station in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [17376/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of reported bike thefts from each LUAS station in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [17377/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of reported bike thefts from each Irish Rail station excluding those on the DART line in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [17378/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if instances of animal cruelty are placed on the Garda PULSE system; if not, his plans for the inclusion of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [17379/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason there is an age limit for an open recruitment competition (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [17380/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to update the Firearms Acts 1925 to 2009. — Billy Kelleher. [17415/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the required reports will be furnished to the Turkish authorities from the mutual legal assistance department in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17416/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if funding will be provided for the update of the helicopters and aircrafts available in the Garda air support unit. — Billy Kelleher. [17429/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17439/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number or percentage of employees in his Department and in the agencies under his aegis with intellectual disabilities; his plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17491/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his Department and the agencies under his aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; his plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17508/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the plans An Garda Síochána has towards allowing its members to be equipped with tasers in order to increase levels of protection whilst also increasing public safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [17523/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the situation for skilled construction workers (details supplied) from Ukraine obtaining work visas for here in the context of the acute shortage of such skilled workers here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [17543/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a fast-track visa programme for skilled construction workers (details supplied) from Ukraine will be considered to obtain work visas for here in the context of the acute shortage of such skilled workers here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [17544/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if new recruits in relation to Garda recruitment are still being drawn from those that applied in 2016; when persons that applied in 2017 and that have completed all stages in the process will be contacted with a formal offer of employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17552/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a substantive reply to Parliamentary Question No. 108 of 7 March 2019 will issue; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17563/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he plans to publish the report by the Inspector of Prisons into alleged unauthorised surveillance at Portlaoise Prison. — Clare Daly. [17576/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the legal counsel for senior Garda management for the latest phase of the Disclosures Tribunal will be provided by An Garda Síochána or arranged by the senior members as individuals. — Clare Daly. [17577/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if Dublin Airport has been determined to be a suitable place of custody in relation to the procedure and detention process on foot of refusal to land at Dublin Airport; the legal basis upon which Dublin Airport may be used as a place of custody; his plans to make legislative changes in relation to the use of Dublin Airport as a place of custody; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [17601/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount spent on the provision of rental vehicles to An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019, to carry out their duties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [17658/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of vehicles per division which have been procured by An Garda Síochána through hire companies to date in 2019; if he has been informed of an impact on the operations of An Garda Síochána as a result of the use of hired vehicles instead of Garda owned vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [17659/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he is satisfied that the use of rental vehicles hired through private rental companies by An Garda Síochána in situations in which Garda vehicles have reached end of life does not have an impact on the duties carried out by An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [17660/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 489 and 505 of 26 March 2019, if he has received a response from An Garda Síochána on the prevalence

of knife crime; if so, when he expects to release information on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [17661/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps that an applicant must undergo in applying for naturalisation; and if there is provision for an applicant of UK origin that is married to an Irish citizen, has been resident in the State for over 25 years and has an Irish born child to apply for naturalisation without paying the €2,000 application fee. — Robert Troy. [17693/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the strength of the Garda force by rank in each station in a Garda division (details supplied) as at January 2017, January 2018 and April 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17744/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of proposals to amend the Private Security Services Act 2004 in order to place private security personnel under the regulatory control of the Private Security Authority; if the report on the matter will be released; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [17754/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the personnel officer for persons (details supplied) in the Irish Prison Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17771/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of child abductions recorded in each Garda division in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17843/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of attempted child abductions recorded in each Garda division in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17844/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of child kidnappings recorded in each Garda division in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17845/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of attempted child kidnappings recorded in each Garda division in each of years 2015 to 2018 and to date 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17846/19]

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

*249. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which the European Union can influence international trade in a way that avoids trade wars; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17805/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps likely to be taken at EU level to influence trade relations in such a way as to avoid trade wars; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17806/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA site visits in each county in quarter 1 of 2019, by county in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [17263/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the recent changes to the employment permits system for workers from outside the European Economic Area. — Billy Kelleher. [17312/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation further to Parliamentary Question No. 133 of 3 April 2019, the reason the value of innovation vouchers redeemed is considerably below the amount issued for each year in question; and if a review has been commissioned of the scheme. — Billy Kelleher. [17314/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her Department or affiliated public bodies gathers data on the number of SMEs refused insurance quotes from a company for public and employer liability; the number of SMEs that have been refused in each of the years 2013 to 2018 and to date 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17324/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the reason no minutes or records of meetings were taken for meetings that took place between her Department and organisations (details supplied); the matters discussed at each of the meetings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17364/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn to an article (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [17460/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number or percentage of employees in her Department and in the agencies under her aegis with intellectual disabilities; her plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17480/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her Department and the agencies under her aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; her plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17497/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of fatal accidents in workplaces here caused by animals, in particular fatal accidents on Irish farms due to livestock in each of the years 2009 to 2018. — Robert Troy. [17517/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of non-fatal accidents in workplaces here caused by animals, in particular non-fatal accidents on farms due to livestock in each of the years 2009 to 2018. — Robert Troy. [17518/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the situation for skilled construction workers (details supplied) from Ukraine obtaining work visas for here in the context of the acute shortage of such skilled workers here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [17545/19]

*262. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a fast-track visa programme for skilled construction workers (details supplied) from Ukraine will be considered to obtain work

visas for here in the context of the acute shortage of such skilled workers here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [17546/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to develop a status report on quantum technology the risks and opportunities for Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17755/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*264. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is not entitled to a primary care certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17317/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health supports available to persons and families that have found themselves homeless and in emergency accommodation; the supports for those with and without addiction issues, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17520/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to include fibromyalgia on the list of conditions covered by the long term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [17201/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a consultation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17203/19]

*268. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for 6, 9, 12, 18 and more than 18 months, respectively for speech and language therapy by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [17210/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Health when a psychological assessment will be offered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17215/19]

*270. To ask the Minister for Health if the fair deal scheme will be approved in the case of persons (details supplied); if consideration of their case will be expedited in view of the fact that the family cannot provide the level of care needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [17218/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will receive assistance from the HSE in the payment and processing of the payments for the provision of their oxygen supply and sleep apnoea machine. — Peadar Tóibín. [17221/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Health the reason personalised budgets for an organisation (details supplied) are being referred back to the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17222/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [17224/19]

*274. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which an application was made for funding for an MRI scanner for St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny. — John McGuinness. [17227/19]

*275. To ask the Minister for Health the services affected by funding reductions or re-profiling arising from the overspend of the national children's hospital that will affect health, mental health or disability services in an area (details supplied) and community organisation area 7. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17236/19]

*276. To ask the Minister for Health the number of unpaid assistant psychologist positions operated by the HSE at present and over the past three years; the service the position was linked to; the average hours worked; if the hours were contracted; and if additional financial support was provided. — Pat Buckley. [17237/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Health his plans and timelines to provide additional funding to increase the number of residential placements for persons with intellectual disabilities (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [17239/19]

*278. To ask the Minister for Health if staff that have to work overtime due to the fact that they cannot leave patients or a ward without care due to staffing shortages as a result of the recruitment and retention crisis will be paid for that overtime worked in view of recent reports of a HSE recruitment and overtime ban. — Louise O'Reilly. [17251/19]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an operation was cancelled for a person (details supplied) in October 2018; and the reason they have not received another appointment. — Niamh Smyth. [17260/19]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health the first and full year cost of restoring distance coding and increasing the rural practice allowance to amounts (details supplied) in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [17269/19]

*281. To ask the Minister for Health if the adult respite service for persons with intellectual disability at a centre (details supplied) in County Wexford will be made available for families outside the county; if so, the plans the HSE has to ensure that families in the county do not receive a decreased service due to additional demand created by opening the service up to persons outside the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [17280/19]

*282. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the HSE audit on orthodontic services will be completed and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [17285/19]

*283. To ask the Minister for Health his plans and the plans of the HSE to approve the drug Kuvan for persons with PKU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [17286/19]

*284. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a person (details supplied) will be waiting for glasses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17287/19]

*285. To ask the Minister for Health the cost in the first and full year of restoring the pay disparity between new entrant consultants recruited post 1 October 2012 and those hired prior to 1 October 2012 for hospital consultants to pre-2012 pay levels; the number of consultants hired in the post 1 October 2012 period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [17291/19]

*286. To ask the Minister for Health when the health (transport support) Bill will be published; the progress made towards replacing the mobility allowance and the motorised transport schemes with new schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17292/19]

*287. To ask the Minister for Health if a location (details supplied) shares its respite service with neighbouring areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [17293/19]

*288. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a HSE plan for a respiratory consultant in Tralee University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [17296/19]

*289. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a residential centre for autism (details supplied) in County Kerry has not been opened five years after it was finished. — Stephen Donnelly. [17297/19]

*290. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a person (details supplied) will have to wait for a consultation for a hip replacement in Croom Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17298/19]

*291. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to resource and develop a child health and well-being service as recommended in the Sláintecare report; if this is specifically provided for in the Sláintecare Implementation Strategy or the Sláintecare Action Plan 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [17301/19]

*292. To ask the Minister for Health if he has evaluated the costings provided in the Sláintecare report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [17302/19]

*293. To ask the Minister for Health if the system of the way in which radiographers must register will be examined (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17304/19]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health the wait times for a MRI scan in Wexford General Hospital; and the number of MRI scans carried out on average in the hospital per week. — Mick Wallace. [17318/19]

*295. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have a procedure carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [17337/19]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for shoulder arthroscopy operations in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by county in tabular form. — Mick Wallace. [17347/19]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [17349/19]

*298. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive orthodontic treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [17352/19]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be provided for a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [17355/19]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that public sexual health services are available to persons that live outside cities, County Roscommon and east County Galway in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17357/19]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the shortage of the BCG vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [17365/19]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the provision of public sexual health services in County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [17370/19]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 170 of 23 January 2019 and the omission of Dundalk primary care centre from the reply, which appears to conflict with information contained in Parliamentary Question No. 1817 of 24 July 2018, the status of the delivery of the Dundalk primary care centre; when the centre will be operational; the services that will be located within the centre; if space will be allocated to community mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [17372/19]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that CAMHS is not operating in Dundalk and that persons from north County Louth have to travel to Drogheda to avail of CAMHS services; his plans to deliver CAMHS in north County Louth; if provision for the service will be located at the Dundalk primary care centre; if so, when it will be operational; and his plans for an alternative location in Dundalk in the interim period. — Gerry Adams. [17373/19]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons presenting at hospitals in Dublin as a result of accidents along Luas tracks; if such data does not exist, if consideration will be given to the creation of a database of such accidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [17375/19]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 74 inpatient CAMHS beds fully operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [17381/19]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure when a patient under 18 years of age presents to an emergency department following self-harm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [17382/19]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list for inpatient CAMHS beds; the length of time patients have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [17383/19]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health if the position of national clinical lead for dual diagnosis has been filled. — Gerry Adams. [17384/19]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health when the model of care for dual diagnosis will be finalised. — Gerry Adams. [17385/19]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that an application for funding has been made to establish a number of dual diagnosis demonstration sites across the State; when a decision will be made regarding the funding application; and when the demonstration sites will be selected. — Gerry Adams. [17386/19]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a model of care for substance misuse services including alcohol at primary care level. — Gerry Adams. [17387/19]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the fair deal scheme is not covering the full costs of care for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17389/19]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health if interviews have taken place for the position of a children's disability network manager in north Dublin city and county; when an appointment will be made; when the position will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [17395/19]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be provided with an appointment for an assessment of need and an application for early intervention. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17401/19]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct the HSE to withdraw recently introduced charges for transport to day care centres and training centres in areas such as counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [17410/19]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the expansion and extension of the roll out of x-ray services and ultrasound services as outlined in Sláintecare at locations (details supplied); when these services will be rolled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17411/19]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health if a daily nurse home visit will be provided for a person (details supplied) which was approved by the HSE; the reason for the delay in providing the nursing care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [17417/19]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a replacement for a contract (details supplied) is reportedly being prepared by the HSE in view of the fact that the current contract only commenced in February 2018 for a three year plus contract period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [17420/19]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health if he will permit the same HSE procurement staff and system to supervise the replacement tender for a contract (details supplied) without an independent review and audit taking place to ensure a repeat of the mistaken evaluation process does not occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [17421/19]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health if the current holder for a contract (details supplied) is to be compensated with public funding in order not to participate in the replacement contract due to legal contractual difficulties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [17422/19]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health when the payment issues between the HSE and contractors (details supplied) will be resolved; when the 24 additional HSE staff deployed to assist private contractors to deliver a public contract will be released from the work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [17423/19]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); the average wait time on the routine and urgent list for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [17424/19]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); when the person was added to the wait list; the average wait time on the routine and urgent list for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [17425/19]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health if a residential placement will be found for a child (details supplied) with severe autism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [17428/19]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 121 of 27 February 2019, if the required funding to hospitals will be made available for the provision of fassenra to patients in a hospital setting further to the decision of the HSE Leadership Team in January 2019 to approve the drug for reimbursement; when he expects this funding decision to be made and communicated to patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [17433/19]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health when he last met formally with the CEO of the Food Safety Authority; the issues discussed; and when he will next meet the CEO. — Billy Kelleher. [17434/19]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to incentivise roles such as orthodontists, speech and language therapists and occupational therapists in the public health sector in which shortages are arising and long waiting lists are being further exacerbated as a result of same; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that these professionals want to work in the private sector is a perceived reason for shortages in addition to emigration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17437/19]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health if parents have a choice to remain within an organisation (details supplied) after their child is six years of age; the rules in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17449/19]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to upgrade the equipment at the radiology department at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [17450/19]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend dental cover to children under six years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [17452/19]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review of the mobility allowance; and when details of a new scheme will be announced. — Martin Heydon. [17462/19]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a procedure for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [17463/19]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to appoint a replacement general practitioner at the health centre in Cappoquin, County Waterford further to the retirement of the previous general practitioner that retired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [17464/19]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a general practitioner visit card was only awarded in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17465/19]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have an appointment at the maxillofacial unit to allow their chemotherapy treatment to go ahead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [17475/19]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the number or percentage of employees in his Department and in the agencies under his aegis with intellectual disabilities; his plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17489/19]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and the agencies under his aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; his plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17506/19]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE maintains separate waiting lists for paediatric occupational therapy for primary care and for disability services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [17513/19]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to opening a forum for discussion amongst the physiotherapy profession regarding the suitability of the panel system in the medium to long-term for the national recruitment of physiotherapists. — Clare Daly. [17514/19]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the proposal to create another staff grade physiotherapist panel behind the supplementary panels of the original 2016 panel carried out in 2017 and 2018 (details supplied); and if he will disband in full the 2016 staff grade physiotherapist panel, both original and supplementary, in the interests of fairness. — Clare Daly. [17515/19]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health when a patient (details supplied) who has been referred for urgent treatment will receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [17516/19]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a unit (details supplied); the status in relation to recent clinical assessments carried out on patients; if his Department or the HSE have made contact with one or more of the units' patients or family members in an effort to move them to a different location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [17524/19]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have an urgent appointment with the neurology department in Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [17526/19]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) suffering from cancer will be admitted to hospital for surgery; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this surgery was cancelled a number of weeks ago and is being carried out with a view to preventing the spread of this cancer. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [17528/19]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for refund under the cross border directive in the system; the amount in total claims outstanding and awaiting processing; the estimated waiting time for an application submitted for a refund of expenses incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17530/19]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health if a bulletin (details supplied) is an accurate portrayal of the work being undertaken in this area of mental health with particular reference to the lack of permanent positions available for talk therapists at primary level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [17531/19]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are only two permanent positions advertised through the national recruitment panel in March 2019; and if his attention has been drawn to the impact this is having on the inability of the HSE to develop appropriate talking therapies or psychotherapy, particularly in view of the growing demand for same. — Clare Daly. [17532/19]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health if he will commence minimum unit pricing in the event that the UK is granted an extension to Article 50 of not less than three months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17533/19]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health if he will elaborate on his decision to seek a revised Government decision to implement the minimum unit pricing provision after there is more certainty in relation to the exit of the UK from the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17534/19]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health if research has been conducted on the likely scale of cross-Border shopping following the commencement of minimum unit pricing in view of the fact that according to a report (details supplied) the incidence of cross-Border shopping has not increased in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17535/19]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish a UK review of orthodontic services here carried out between 2012 and 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [17541/19]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the publication of an audit of orthodontic services begun in 2015 after the HSE received a highly critical report from two UK experts into the allegations that children's teeth were damaged by HSE orthodontic services more than a decade previously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [17542/19]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times he interacted directly with in person, by phone, email or in another way with a person (details supplied); the issues discussed; if his officials attended the meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [17548/19]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the new nursing unit being proposed for Clifden, County Galway to replace Clifden Hospital and St. Anne's nursing home will have less beds than the existing number of beds in the two homes combined; if he is satisfied that the proposed number of beds will be adequate to meet requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17564/19]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to change the law in relation to the means testing of farm assets under the nursing home subvention scheme; the reason for the delay with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17566/19]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health when legislation will be brought forward to address the anomaly of assessment for the fair deal scheme in relation to farmers and small business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [17573/19]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health when the transport grant for disabled persons which ceased five years ago will be reinstated; the position in relation to the health (transport support) Bill; when it will be finalised and implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17580/19]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health when a full personal assistance service will be put in place for a person (details supplied) in Dublin 15; the reason for the ongoing delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17600/19]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the 100 new therapy posts to address assessment of need waiting lists for children with disabilities announced in Budget 2019; the number that have been recruited; the locations to which the recruits have been assigned by local health area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [17613/19]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a person (details supplied) was approved by the HSE in Sligo for a homecare package on 7 November 2018; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that to date, despite the failing health of the person, the HSE in Sligo has still not provided the service; his plans to introduce legislation which will compel the HSE to provide such services without delay when approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [17620/19]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health if dental check-ups for children living in Celbridge, County Kildare are taking place in Celbridge or an alternative area elsewhere in the county; if every effort is being made to keep these appointments as close to the local area as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17633/19]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an occupational therapy and physiotherapy appointment for a person (details supplied); if same will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17634/19]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase paediatric physiotherapy staff and resources in CHO1 and the western region as a whole; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that paediatric physiotherapy resources in County Sligo are limited and children requiring the services are required to stay as inpatients in hospitals due to a lack of physiotherapy in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [17637/19]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health if respite care will be provided for a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [17653/19]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that access the treatment abroad scheme to receive deep brain stimulation surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [17654/19]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a matter (details supplied); the timeframe for the extension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17662/19]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health the details of each information and communication technology contract, excluding support and maintenance yearly contracts with a total contract value of over €1 million, since 2014; the number of these contracts that have gone fully live and are fully operational; the final costs of these contracts compared with the original tender price; the stage payments that have been made in respect of each contract that is not fully operational to date; when they are expected to be fully operational; the contracts that were entered into and stage payments made in circumstances in which it may be anticipated that these contracts may not become fully operational as originally intended; the number and value of stage payments in each of these cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17663/19]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health if full care cover will be maintained through the HSE for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17666/19]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to tackle the severe overcrowding at University Hospital Limerick in view of the fact the number of patients on trolleys at the hospital has now surpassed all previous trolley number records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17667/19]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health if he has met with an organisation (details supplied) to discuss its serious concerns regarding the overcrowding situation and management issues at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17668/19]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times he has met with the management of University Hospital Limerick in 2019; the reason for each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17669/19]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health if the management of University Hospital Limerick has requested additional funding and or staffing to cope with the overcrowding situation at the hospital in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17670/19]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent to date on the 60 bed modular unit at University Hospital Limerick; the expected cost of this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17671/19]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent to date on the 96 bed extension at University Hospital Limerick; the expected cost of this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17672/19]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health the year in which the 96 bed extension at University Hospital Limerick will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17673/19]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the year in which the 60 bed modular unit at University Hospital Limerick be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17674/19]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered establishing an independent external clinical review of University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17675/19]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health if home help hours will be awarded for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [17677/19]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the policy paper regarding options to seal the breach of the data protection legislation regarding Guthrie cards retained without consent and for the future retention, storage and potential secondary uses of the cards; the timeframe for the publication of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [17678/19]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are no mental health services in Summerhill primary care centre, Dublin 1 (details supplied); if the alternative location in North Great George's Street will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [17686/19]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the constant overcrowding in University Hospital Limerick; the actions he has taken to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [17694/19]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health if he has discussed the constant overcrowding in University Hospital Limerick with the HSE recently; the actions being taken in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [17695/19]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health the progress of the expert group which was established to consider alternative mechanisms to the court process for resolving clinical negligence claims; the status of the expected publication of the final report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [17698/19]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric physiotherapists working in County Sligo. — Eamon Scanlon. [17699/19]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health the legislation that will be utilised or invoked in order to make additional appointments and increase the number of members on the board of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board in view of the fact that under SI No. 246 of 2007, the board's membership is prescribed as 13 and there is no provision within the statutory instrument for exceeding the membership of 13 through further appointments. — Jonathan O'Brien. [17700/19]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health the service schedule for a respite care facility (details supplied) in County Donegal; the days of the week and number of hours per day respite care will be provided at the unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17702/19]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health the services available to persons that have been adversely affected by the use of defective synthetic vaginal mesh implants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [17704/19]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health when the implementation plan for the recommendations set out in the report of the Chief Medical Officer in regard to the use of vaginal mesh will be published;

and the steps he is taking to ensure no further delay in the establishment of mechanisms for women that have suffered complications from mesh accessing aftercare. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [17705/19]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for an assessment of a child with special needs, for example, speech and language, occupational therapy and so on in counties Kildare and Laois. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [17707/19]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists employed in the south Kildare NDT team; if additional personnel will be employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [17708/19]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated to County Kildare for respite for children that require same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [17710/19]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the practice that general practitioners are seeking further payments on top of medical cards from nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [17712/19]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health the services available to patients when a new respite centre (details supplied) is completed; the services that will be provided; if these services include day respite, afterschool and overnight respite for students; if there will be weekend respite care provided; if transport options will be made available for those availing of the services; the expected official opening date of the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [17713/19]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours allocated under the homecare package in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in each county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [17720/19]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made in relation to the drug sapropterin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17721/19]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a person (details supplied) will have to wait for a CT urogram scan at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17725/19]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment with a child development team will be secured in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17727/19]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 662 of 15 January 2019, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the counselling service previously available under the youth health service is not currently available; the reason this is the case in view of the assurance given that services would not be impacted by the reorganisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17729/19]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the house of a person in a nursing home under the fair deal scheme cannot be sold while the person is alive in the context of assisting families whose children may want to buy out, for example, grandparents' homes, generating new mortgages, stamp

duties and giving the HSE a revenue earlier than it would otherwise receive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [17730/19]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding allowing the FreeStyle Libre system under the long term illness scheme for persons with type 1 diabetes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17731/19]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health if a permanent clinical psychiatrist is now assigned to Roscommon mental health services; if the services will now be returning to a position of locum psychiatrists due to a recent transfer of senior staff within the services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [17732/19]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the falsified medicines directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17733/19]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of new ambulance bases at Ardee, Mullingar, Limerick, Cork and Galway. — Stephen Donnelly. [17734/19]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the development of a structured replacement programme for equipment and ambulances and minor capital works as promised in the National Development Plan 2018-2027. — Stephen Donnelly. [17735/19]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health when the nursing home support scheme rules will be changed to cap the assessment of farm assets to three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [17742/19]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health if pulmonary fibrosis is covered by the long term illness scheme; if not, his plans to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [17746/19]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made regarding the availability of spinraza in view of the fact a new application has been submitted by a company (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [17756/19]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure for the Healthy Ireland office for each year since its establishment; the cost of information campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17757/19]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health the funding that has been made available to the Healthy Ireland fund each year since its establishment; if the funding for each of those years was spent in its entirety; the eligibility criteria for availing of the funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17758/19]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health the situation regarding the recognition of professional qualifications in a post-Brexit scenario specifically regarding the recognition of nursing qualifications from British universities here and Irish universities in Britain; and if qualifications will be respected and equivalence accepted. — Louise O'Reilly. [17759/19]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health the children and adults with additional needs that are accessing professional services and supports in Kinnegad, County Westmeath in tabular form; and

the existing services and supports in the area that are available and accessible for children and adults with additional needs. — Louise O'Reilly. [17760/19]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults with additional needs from Kinnegad, County Westmeath that in the past 12 months have been referred to services in Mullingar and the wider County Westmeath area when seeking professional medical and or counselling support in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [17761/19]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons waiting for home support packages; and the waiting lists for homecare packages by CHO and LHO in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [17762/19]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to roll out the newborn screening test pilot scheme for detecting metachromatic leukodystrophy which was developed and piloted recently in the Unites States of America. — Louise O'Reilly. [17763/19]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the number of rare disorders which newborn babies are screened for. — Louise O'Reilly. [17764/19]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent appointment will be scheduled with the surgical team in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17770/19]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health his views in relation to the lack of support for young persons in terms of the waiting lists to gain assistance for serious eating disorders in north County Dublin in view of the strain on resources of organisations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [17786/19]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with a transgender group (details supplied). — Ruth Coppinger. [17787/19]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health when the Health Service Executive will publish its review into failings in dental and orthodontic services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [17812/19]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided to an association (details supplied) for its helpline and services; his plans to provide a nationwide network of Parkinson's nurse specialists; his further plans to establish a deep brain stimulation programme here; if as an interim measure he will reduce travel outside Ireland under the treatment abroad scheme by making such pre and post-operative services available here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17836/19]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health if the additional funding recently promised to support the national drugs strategy has been allocated; if there has been an increase to annual core funding to local and regional drugs taskforces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17848/19]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider making fentanyl test strips available as a harm reduction measure to heroin users engaging with needle exchange services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17849/19]

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

*424. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has raised recently with the Minister for Finance issues regarding the cumulative lifetime cap of €70,000 on the amount of tax relief that can be availed by young farmers as enacted in the Finance Act 2018; if there are changes foreseen in the applicability of this provision in view of the fact that there is a need to increase the number of young persons choosing farming as their professional career; and if he has raised the relevant state aid agriculture regulation with the EU Commission. — Charlie McConalogue. [17274/19]

*425. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on afforestation contracts as set out by an organisation (details supplied) with regard to the redigitisation of forest areas resulting in farmers payments being reduced. — Charlie McConalogue. [17276/19]

*426. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 313 of 29 March 2018, the latest data excluding land used for tillage farming; and the number of farmers in each band of the range for the average BPS value per hectare. — Charlie McConalogue. [17282/19]

*427. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the Hilton Quota regime in operation since 2009 pertaining to US and Canadian hormone free beef exports annually to the EU in terms of tonnage and value from each country; and the amount of the annual quota that has been used each year by country in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [17283/19]

*428. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to designate a port (details supplied) as a designated port; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [17319/19]

*429. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contingences and supports in place to safeguard Irish wood producers and wood product businesses here from all Brexit scenarios including a no-deal Brexit; and the actions and documentation both online and offline required for wood product businesses to continue trading if the UK becomes a third country. — Jackie Cahill. [17322/19]

*430. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a matter (details supplied) in relation to the proposed changes to the limits for vessels over 18 metres will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17346/19]

*431. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason beef grading machines only grade one side of the carcass; if it is technically possible for mechanical grading machines to grade both sides of a carcass; if the current machines on trial can grade both sides of a carcass; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the fat score on a carcass can vary dramatically on both sides of a carcass resulting in a dramatically different payment to the farmer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17356/19]

*432. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated first and full year cost of a proposal (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [17363/19]

*433. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to change technical files (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [17367/19]

*434. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will request the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea to revise its mackerel advice for 2019 in view of the recently published inter-benchmark report which shows a large increase in the mackerel stock size; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [17432/19]

*435. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 999 of 26 March 2019, the person or body that conducted the inspection; the location of same; when it took place; and the date the certificate of approval was granted. — Catherine Martin. [17455/19]

*436. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number or percentage of employees in his Department and in the agencies under his aegis with intellectual disabilities; his plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17479/19]

*437. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department and the agencies under his aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; his plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17496/19]

*438. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a voluntary farm building relocation scheme further to flooding incidents has been established by his Department; if so, the number of applications received from each county under plans for farmyard relocation on foot of the severe flooding of winter 2015 and 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17551/19]

*439. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to his correspondence of 9 April 2019 regarding the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 952 of 26 March 2019, the number of beef grading machines that would fail on inspection if the accuracy standard was set at the average accuracy of machines which is over 90% rather than the minimum set out in legislation at 60% accuracy; if he will reduce the tolerance currently allowed on beef grading machines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17553/19]

*440. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 957, 959 and 962 of 26 March 2019, when his Department took the decision to no longer hold digitised images in view of previous commitments by his officials to the Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture and Food; the reason his Department no longer has access to these images; if he will review this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17554/19]

*441. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to develop and improve Cleggan Pier, Connemara, County Galway in view of the high usage of the pier and the poor condition of much of it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17568/19]

*442. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when licences will issue to applicants in a bay (details supplied); if the necessary survey of the bay has been carried out under the habitats directive; if all licensees already operating in the bay will have their licences reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17570/19]

*443. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to streamline the GLAS payment system to make it more user friendly for farmers in view of the excessive level of paperwork required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [17578/19]

*444. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps taken by his Department and Bord Bia to seek out new niche markets for Irish grass produced beef and lamb in view of the lack of stability and uncertainty in the market due to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [17581/19]

*445. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara an bhfuil aon airgead dlite d'fheirmeoir (sonraí tugtha) i gContae na Gaillimhe, bunaithe ar cinneadh ar athbhreithniú a rinne an Oifig Achomhairc ar iarratas ón Roinn de thoradh cinneadh a rinne an Oifig Achomhairc nach raibh siad sásta leis; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17609/19]

*446. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers in counties Roscommon and Galway that have received their 2018 GLAS payments to date; the number of applications; the payments still outstanding; the payments being processed for counties Roscommon and Galway for 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [17611/19]

*447. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2018 GLAS balancing payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17636/19]

*448. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding mussel lines in Kenmare Bay, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17751/19]

*449. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 951, 953, 958 and 961 of 26 March 2019, the number of occasions on which inspectors from his Department identified torn flanks on carcasses; when a flank is torn, if the carcass is graded manually in view of the impact this would have on the mechanical grading of conformation of the carcass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17838/19]

*450. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 957, 959 and 962 of 26 March 2019, when his department took the decision to no longer review or facilitate the appeal of a grade in view of previous commitments by his officials to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture and Food; the reason his Department no longer facilitates such reviews of grades; if he will review this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17839/19]

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

*451. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has made an assessment of the health risks that may be associated with 5G wireless broadband radiation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [17574/19]

*452. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the projects and initiatives that will be affected in 2019 from the €4 million adjustment in the 2019 Vote of his Department as a result of further revised estimates. — Jonathan O'Brien. [17209/19]

*453. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if an assessment of a property will be carried out for a person (details supplied) to allow access of heating upgrade works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17305/19]

*454. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if consideration will be given to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [17412/19]

*455. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if broadband service will be provided to a property (details supplied) under phase one of the National Broadband Plan. — Robert Troy. [17431/19]

*456. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated time for connection in relation to the roll out of the National Broad Plan in an area (details supplied); if this property was part of the additional 80,000 residential and businesses expansion recently announced by a company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [17436/19]

*457. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a broadband supply will be provided to a property (details supplied) as part of phase one of the National Broadband Plan. — Robert Troy. [17453/19]

*458. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a broadband service will be provided to a property (details supplied) under phase one of the National Broadband Plan. — Robert Troy. [17454/19]

*459. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if broadband will be provided to a property (details supplied) as part of phase one of the National Broadband Plan. — Robert Troy. [17461/19]

*460. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number or percentage of employees in his Department and in the agencies under his aegis with intellectual disabilities; his plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17482/19]

*461. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his Department and the agencies under his aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; his plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17499/19]

*462. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the fact that Bord Gáis is threatening customers that oppose the installation of smart meters as a result of health concerns with disconnection of supply and large reconnection fees. — Clare Daly. [17549/19]

*463. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the residents of a road (details supplied) will be provided with a broadband supply under phase one of the National Broadband Plan. — Robert Troy. [17556/19]

*464. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of the roll out of charging points for electric cars announced recently; the assistance available to rural filling stations to provide these charging points to ensure nationwide availability of these facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17565/19]

*465. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the location of each of the new electric cars charging hubs to be located in County Clare as part of his proposal to fund more than 50 high power charging hubs nationwide on motorways and national road sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [17657/19]

*466. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the National Broadband Plan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17680/19]

*467. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if funding is available for old aged persons for domestic boiler replacement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [17688/19]

*468. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the conditions for inclusion in REFIT 3 require the existence of full planning permission for the form of electricity generation to be subsidised. — Eamon Ryan. [17689/19]

*469. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if REFIT 3 approval has been granted for the co-firing of biomass and peat at the west Offaly power plant; and if all of the conditions of the REFIT 3 scheme including the holding of planning permission have been met. — Eamon Ryan. [17690/19]

*470. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if REFIT 3 approval has been granted for the co-firing of biomass and peat at the Lough Ree power plant; and if all of the conditions of the REFIT 3 scheme including the holding of planning permission have been met. — Eamon Ryan. [17691/19]

*471. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether despite relatively poor attendances at the National Angling Forum it is good practice to hold and facilitate meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [17834/19]

*472. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the letter of resignation from the chairperson of the National Angling Forum was received. — Thomas Byrne. [17835/19]

*473. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to publish the broadcasting (amendment) Bill; the reason for the delay in publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17837/19]

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

*474. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the grants available to promote sustainable transport to school such as walking and cycling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [17350/19]

*475. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of incidents involving cars and pedestrians at a location (details supplied) in each of the years 2017 and 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [17351/19]

*476. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the potential impact a hard Brexit will have on cancer patients in County Donegal seeking to access care at a hospital (details supplied) or travelling to Dublin from Northern Ireland in view of the fact that they will require a green card for their car insurance to travel to Northern Ireland in their own vehicle; if a fast-track service for a green card will be arranged for those that cannot wait for the waiting period of one month for a green card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [17435/19]

*477. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which a qualified able seaman would update their qualifications and acquire a discharge book in order to return to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17238/19]

*478. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeline for the introduction of a pilot project to help fund insurance costs for rural hackney licences for new businesses; the seventeen areas to be involved in the pilot project nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [17289/19]

*479. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a taxi licence application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17294/19]

*480. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the additional road traffic offences introduced from 1 January 2011 to date from when they first came into force; the details of new restrictions on blood alcohol limits, new offences which can result in the imposition of penalty points or other penalties and increases to penalties for existing offences in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [17325/19]

*481. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he or the NTA plan to review the rule in relation to the age limit for vehicles that operate as taxis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [17362/19]

*482. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason a passport is not accepted as proof of identity at a NCT centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17388/19]

*483. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated full year cost if the budget for the regional cooperative market access scheme of Tourism Ireland increased by 33%. — Billy Kelleher. [17430/19]

*484. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated full year cost if the public service obligation increased by 12.5%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [17471/19]

*485. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated full year cost of increasing funding to the secondary roads improvement scheme by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [17472/19]

*486. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number or percentage of employees in his Department and in the agencies under his aegis with intellectual disabilities; his plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17495/19]

*487. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his Department and the agencies under his aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; his plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17512/19]

*488. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the terms of a €1.2 million grant paid to an organisation (details supplied) in 2014; if the application by the organisation for the additional grant stream will be provided; if his officials consulted with the organisation at that time; if he followed-up with the organisation regarding the way in which funds were allocated; if issues of concern were identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [17614/19]

*489. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if it is policy to provide Irish Sign Language interpreters under the provisions of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 at public consultations such as BusConnects and MetroLink. — Clare Daly. [17664/19]

*490. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason the public consultation for MetroLink taking place in April 2019 is not providing access to Irish Sign Language interpreters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [17665/19]

*491. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the contract to operate the online motor tax facility; if the operator is based in the UK or here; and his views regarding the operation of the contract in view of the decision by the UK to withdraw from the European Union. — Timmy Dooley. [17681/19]

*492. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he is satisfied regarding the data privacy arrangements in relation to the online motor tax facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [17682/19]

*493. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to establish a dedicated cycling unit in his Department; and if a national cycling officer has been appointed to date. — Róisín Shortall. [17701/19]

*494. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if ASD will be recognised as eligibility to apply for disabled parking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [17711/19]

*495. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans in place to build a sports facility in County Cavan; and the funding available to complete such a facility. — Niamh Smyth. [17736/19]

*496. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a driver test will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17749/19]

*497. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding NDLS centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17753/19]

*498. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider adding the SPSV licence to the NDLS list of acceptable forms of identification which can be used when a person is renewing or replacing an existing driver licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [17840/19]

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

*499. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of playgrounds developed annually since 2016 under the capital grant scheme for play and recreation; the breakdown of new or refurbished playgrounds by county; her plans to strengthen the role of the local authority play and recreation network; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegarde Naughton. [17390/19]

*500. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will publish the new play and recreation policies further to the completion in Q4 2016 of the review of the previous national play and recreation policies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegarde Naughton. [17391/19]

*501. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the responsibilities of Tusla in supporting families with children that have been diagnosed with autism and are having difficulty in accessing appropriate education places for them; the number of these families that Tusla has been working with in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [17470/19]

*502. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of providers that benefitted from capital funding allocated for the creation of additional childcare places by county in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegarde Naughton. [17476/19]

*503. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number or percentage of employees in her Department and in the agencies under her aegis with intellectual disabilities; her plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17481/19]

*504. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her Department and the agencies under her aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; her plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17498/19]

*505. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she is taking to control the cost of childcare which can cost over €2,000 a month for five day care in circumstances in which both parents are in employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17572/19]

*506. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of persons receiving childcare subsidies through either training and education or childcare subvention; and the number of the recipients that are lone parents. — Bríd Smith. [17605/19]

*507. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there has been an impact analysis on the loss of training and education or childcare subvention for vulnerable groups; and if so, the outcome of same. — Bríd Smith. [17606/19]

*508. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 34 of 14 December 2016, if she has addressed the matter with the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection; and if so, the position in this regard (details supplied). — Bríd Smith. [17607/19]

*509. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if in a two parent family only one parent must engage with the jobseeker activation measures by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (details supplied) and the second parent is allowed to fulfil the caring role; and her plans to introduce a childcare scheme that will specifically address this dual role. — Bríd Smith. [17608/19]

*510. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason the decision was taken to decrease enrolment opportunities for the ECCE scheme to once a year in September (details supplied) to allow for all birth dates to be taken into consideration for children to commence free preschool at 2 years and 8 months of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Barrett. [17685/19]

*511. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when the final report from the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes will be delivered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [17703/19]

*512. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason a figure of €6,000 per placement per week as the national weekly cost of private residential placements was provided by Tusla in response to Parliamentary Question Nos. 312 of 13 March 2019 and 1180 of 26 March 2019 in view of the fact that the true costs range from €6,000 to €13,500 as acknowledged in response to Parliamentary Question No. 567 of 9 April 2019 (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [17737/19]

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

*513. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the options available for a group that cannot apply for CLÁR funding in view of the fact that 80% of its area is not in a CLÁR area (details supplied). — Brendan Griffin. [17219/19]

*514. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding will be made available to an organisation (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17234/19]

*515. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the estimated first and full year cost to introduce an insurance indemnity for farmers and landholders that participate in the mountain access scheme; and when legislation is expected to be published. — Dara Calleary. [17265/19]

*516. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number or percentage of employees in his Department and in the agencies under his aegis with intellectual disabilities; his plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17493/19]

*517. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his Department and the agencies under his aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; his plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17510/19]

*518. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his Department has an application on hand from Galway County Council to develop a walking route (details supplied); if so, the status of this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17569/19]

*519. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding open to schools (details supplied); his plans to allocate additional funds to local authorities for such schools; if he plans changes to CLÁR on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17719/19]

*520. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason for the significant drop in funding to the community enhancement programme for 2019 with €4.5 million being allocated compared to €13 million in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17851/19]

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

*521. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined and the matter expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17223/19]

*522. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a PPS number for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17240/19]

*523. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason persons born before 1 September 1946 are not being reviewed for the homemakers scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17241/19]

*524. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; the reason they must repay an amount; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17254/19]

*525. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if potential changes to an index system for determining pension rises will apply only to State pensions and not private or personal pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [17271/19]

*526. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the correct level of jobseeker's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17288/19]

*527. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason payment ceased after 12 months in relation to an illness benefit for a person (details supplied); when payment will be reinstated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [17290/19]

*528. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the bereavement grant will be reinstated. — Peter Burke. [17332/19]

*529. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a domiciliary care allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17334/19]

*530. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a domiciliary care allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17335/19]

*531. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a domiciliary care allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17336/19]

*532. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance review in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [17343/19]

*533. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when arrears will issue after an appeal for jobseeker's allowance was partially allowed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [17366/19]

*534. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17418/19]

*535. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17419/19]

*536. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17426/19]

*537. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17427/19]

*538. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated amount it would cost if the 8.6% PRSI rate for persons earning less than €386 weekly was reduced to 8.2%. — Billy Kelleher. [17451/19]

*539. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which she plans to address the situation that many private sector employees are required by their contract of employment to retire at 65 years of age but cannot access the State pension (contributory) until 66 years of age and rising to 68 years of age over the next number of years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17474/19]

*540. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number or percentage of employees in her Department and in the agencies under her aegis with intellectual disabilities; her plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17486/19]

*541. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her Department and the agencies under her aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; her plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17503/19]

*542. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if requested documentation has now been received in the relevant section of her Department in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17527/19]

*543. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason rent allowance ceased being paid to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17529/19]

*544. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will consider a pay increase for community employment supervisors that have received no increases for a decade; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [17537/19]

*545. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to jobseekers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17557/19]

*546. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17655/19]

*547. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for an invalidity pension by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17656/19]

*548. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17752/19]

*549. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which the assessment of PRSA pension is assessed as means for an applicant to the scheme in cases in which the pension is not available to be drawn down until the person reaches pension age; the way in

which that person is expected to manage financially in cases in which the pension is deducted as means; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [17785/19]

*550. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of households in each local authority area considered to be at risk of fuel poverty; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17847/19]

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

*551. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position regarding recent increases in rates bills for businesses in rural County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [17202/19]

*552. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the projects and initiatives that will be affected in 2019 from the €13 million adjustment in the 2019 Vote of his Department as a result of the further revised estimates. — Jonathan O'Brien. [17212/19]

*553. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the properties requiring remedial works to bring them into compliance with fire safety standards following fire safety inspections by Dublin Fire Brigade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17213/19]

*554. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 579 of 2 April 2019, the details of the applications for such exemptions to each local authority in each year since the introduction of the exemptions in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [17253/19]

*555. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of Part V units leased in 2019 by local authority. — Róisín Shortall. [17255/19]

*556. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans in place for the relocation and redevelopment of Muinebeag fire station. — Pat Deering. [17315/19]

*557. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the provision of financial supports for persons affected by MICA in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [17328/19]

*558. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if and when the Galway housing delivery taskforce has met; the name of all members of the taskforce; the steps identified to deal with the crisis; if the minutes of the meetings will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17339/19]

*559. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of progress to achieve the objectives set out in the motion on building standards, regulation and homeowner protection passed on 22 June 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [17396/19]

*560. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has undertaken a review of the number of apartment blocks nationally that may be affected by inadequate fire safety

works within the buildings; if not, his plans to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [17397/19]

*561. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the tragic deaths of persons (details supplied); if he will undertake a review of fire safety at the location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [17402/19]

*562. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to assist homeowners dealing with the costs of repairing defective homes built during the boom, such as at a location (details supplied); his plans to establish a redress scheme for persons in this situation, such as providing low cost loans to help pay for the remedial works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [17403/19]

*563. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of fire and safety inspections carried out in each local authority on new builds in each local authority area by date in tabular form; and if these inspections have passed approved regulations. — Joan Burton. [17404/19]

*564. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps his Department takes to ensure that fire safety certificates issued by the Building Control Authority prior to construction work beginning comply with the requirements of Part B of the second schedule to the Building Regulations 1997 once construction is complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [17405/19]

*565. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to ensure compliance with obligations under the Building Control Acts 1990 to 2014; the sanctions available to address non-compliant bodies; the number of complaints made to his Department in relation to failure to comply with the Acts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [17406/19]

*566. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of legal proceedings instigated by local authorities as a result of breaches in building regulations by date and local authority in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [17407/19]

*567. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of staff appointed to the office of the planning regulator; the location of the offices of same; the budget allocated to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [17408/19]

*568. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of requests received from the Residential Tenancies Board for permission to recruit additional staff in 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of those requests that have been approved, pending or refused, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [17473/19]

*569. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number or percentage of employees in his Department and in the agencies under his aegis with intellectual disabilities; his plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17490/19]

*570. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his Department and the agencies under his aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; his plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17507/19]

*571. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the construction of the new fire station in Kanturk, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [17687/19]

*572. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the new parts of a district will be included in the rent pressure zone in circumstances in which an electoral area or municipal district has been designated a rent pressure zone but has been subsequently redrawn; if it will continue to apply for the district as a whole or parts of same, for example, in the case of a district (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [17717/19]

*573. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of a fund (details supplied); when the fund will be administered to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17728/19]

*574. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the level of funding allocated to each local authority under the retrofitting programme scheme in each of the years 2013 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17850/19]

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

*575. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the projects and initiatives that will be affected in 2019 from the €2 million adjustment in the 2019 Vote of her Department as a result of further revised estimates. — Jonathan O'Brien. [17214/19]

*576. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if core funding will be made available to a society (details supplied) in order to enable it to continue providing its unique offering in County Sligo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [17220/19]

*577. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of the matter to which EU Commissioner Vella is referring in correspondence (details supplied); the reason Ireland has not provided such quantitative information; and if information in relation to the matter pertinent to the description by the Commissioner as ongoing discussions with the Irish authorities will be provided. — Louise O'Reilly. [17243/19]

*578. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if and when Ireland will provide the quantitative information referred to by EU Commissioner Vella in correspondence (details supplied); the implications for Ireland and for persons particularly though not exclusively in relation to Article 9.1(a); if there are implications for Ireland and persons that arise due to the fact that the quantitative information has not been provided; and the action she is required to take to address such implications. — Louise O'Reilly. [17244/19]

*579. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if policy in relation to high-density urban seagull colonies with effect from the derogation declaration for 2019 and 2020 due to be published by 1 May 2019 and for future years will attribute primacy to availing of Article

9.1(a) in the interests of public health and safety in respect of urban seagull issues in view of correspondence from EU Commissioner Vella (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [17245/19]

*580. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on whether a statement (details supplied) means that EU member states are solely and fully responsible for the application of derogations and all pertinent policy and decisions in their respective countries and by implication the role of the Commission to monitor national derogation reports and manage and ensure compliance with the directive. — Louise O'Reilly. [17246/19]

*581. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the 90% depletion of the herring gull species regularly quoted by her Department and various bird conservation groups is a statistic that was derived from analyses of censuses carried out in 1970, 1975 and 2000 and applied only to natural seaward and wetlands habitat; and if the national total of urban nesting herring gulls as published in the Seabird 2000 Census was 209 breeding pairs. — Louise O'Reilly. [17247/19]

*582. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if a statement was issued in July 2016 in response to a freedom of information request in which her predecessor acknowledged that her attention had been drawn to the fact that closure of landfill meant that seagull flocks were moving into towns and cities to seek food; and if this is still her view. — Louise O'Reilly. [17248/19]

*583. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she is responsible for conducting censuses of wild birds; if the latest national seabird census commenced on schedule in view of the fact that it was due in 2015; if so, when it will be completed; and if and when the census will publish an up to date national total of urban nesting herring gulls for comparison with the Seabird 2000 national total of 209 urban nesting pairs. — Louise O'Reilly. [17249/19]

*584. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the National Seabird Census has not incorporated a national count of urban nesting seagulls; and her views on the absence of such quantitative information as having a priority determinant status in relation to availing of Article 9.1(a) in the interest of public health and safety as would appear to be inferred in both the interim report of 18 April 2018 and the final report of 22 October 2018 from the Major Review of the Derogations Process by her Department (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [17250/19]

*585. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the annual capital allocation to the Gaeltacht housing grant scheme in each of the years 2005 to 2010, in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [17266/19]

*586. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the schools that received and did not receive a copy of a book (details supplied), respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17281/19]

*587. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the grant aid provided to a charity (details supplied) or to each of the museums it opens to the public in each of the past 15 years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17329/19]

*588. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the grant aid provided to a society (details supplied) in each of the past 15 years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17330/19]

*589. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the grant aid provided to a charity (details supplied) in each of the past 15 years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17331/19]

*590. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason when issuing the compensation under the cessation of turf compensation scheme one of the terms was that the claimant must have been cutting turf on the land in question during the previous five years of 2010 to 2015 (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [17400/19]

*591. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to the fact that planning permission has been sought for over 200 housing units on a historical site (details supplied); her views on the significance of the find; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [17438/19]

*592. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason the consultative committee on urban seagull issues has not yet met. — Clare Daly. [17440/19]

*593. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on whether the review of the derogation process under Article 9(1)(a) of the EU Birds Directive delivered on 6 September 2018 addressed adequately and substantively all perceived threats in the context of urban seagull issues and the interests of public health and safety as catered for in the directive. — Clare Daly. [17442/19]

*594. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the policy initiatives she will be making in the 2019/2020 general derogations declaration towards addressing all perceived threats in the interests of public health and safety in view of the recommendation in the final review report on urban gull issues which sought early publication of declarations. — Clare Daly. [17443/19]

*595. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if specific levels of professional competency in matters of public health and safety were mandatory requirements in the tender for the Review of the Derogation Process under Article 9(1)(a) of the EU Directive; the degree to which such competencies were vetted by her as being present in the consultancy team that was constituted to conduct the review; and if she is satisfied that the interests of public health and safety have been professionally and competently addressed in the review. — Clare Daly. [17444/19]

*596. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason the recommendations at 2.1 to 2.4 in the Interim Report of the Review of the Derogation Process under Article 9(1)(a) of the EU Birds Directive were not acted upon. — Clare Daly. [17445/19]

*597. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason a consultative committee is being convened in view of the fact that it was not recommended by the report of the Review of the EU Birds Directive, Article 9(1)(a) Derogations Process and may delay the process of dealing with health and safety issues caused by urban gulls. — Clare Daly. [17446/19]

*598. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on whether her Department is not a competent authority in matters of public health and safety in view of the fact that the report of the review of the EU Birds Directive Article 9(1)(a) Derogations Process refers frequently to her Department as being the competent authority for making derogations. — Clare Daly. [17447/19]

*599. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if all national policy changes to address all perceived threats in the interests of public health of safety will be implemented with the priority due to matters of public health and safety at the earliest opportunity in view of the fact that section 4.2.1 of the Report of the Review of the EU Birds Directive Article 9(1)(a) Derogations

Process acknowledges a number of public health and safety issues arising from same. — Clare Daly. [17448/19]

*600. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number or percentage of employees in her Department and in the agencies under her aegis with intellectual disabilities; her plans to increase this number to promote and support the employment of persons with intellectual disabilities as outlined in the Disability Act 2005; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17483/19]

*601. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her Department and the agencies under her aegis track the numbers of employees they have with an intellectual disability; her plans to do so in order to help set targets and increase workplace opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities such as those outlined in the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [17500/19]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADAON, 17 AIBREÁN, 2019
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL, 2019**

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

1. To ask the Minister for Finance when he plans to bring forward legislative changes that would oblige insurance companies to inform policyholders of claims made against them; the reason he has not brought forward legislation in its own right; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17767/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has had discussions with NAMA officials or his officials with regard to the UN special rapporteur letter on Ireland which stated that 93% of NAMA assets have been sold to foreign investors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [17801/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has examined the recent report by the Oireachtas Select Committee on Budgetary Oversight in relation to tax expenditures and the estimated cost that revenue forgone could be as much as €10 to €15 billion per annum; his plans to implement the recommendations of the Committee in respect of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [17826/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps which can be taken to encourage lenders, directly or through the medium of the Central Bank, when dealing with borrowers in arrears to take into account the willingness of the borrowers to make reasonable repayments in line with their circumstances rather than liquidation, particularly in circumstances in which the family home or small business is concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17798/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to deal with the issue of private pension schemes which are not paying cost of living increases in circumstances in which the recipient is entitled to same; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many policies may be affected like this in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [17823/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he has taken and plans to take to date in preparation for post-Brexit customs checks at ports here, specifically Rosslare Europort to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [17639/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that had latent defect insurance with a company (details supplied) that have obtained alternative insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17768/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which the economy performs robustly and competitively in line with other economies throughout Europe; if specific precautions are required at this juncture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17799/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Finance when he plans to bring forward legislation on the regulation of personal contract plans as recommended by the Review of Regulation on Personal Contract Plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17765/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking and the progress being made in establishing a mechanism that would allow and facilitate funds from an organisation (details supplied) to be invested in social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17724/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he will take to change the lucrative tax arrangements in place in order to disincentivise commercial investors from distorting the market for new housing in Dublin and nationally through the buy-to-rent model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17794/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Finance when measures will be introduced to ensure insurance companies cannot refuse insurance in locations in which flood defence measures have been introduced. — Robert Troy. [10612/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the precedent set by his predecessor (details supplied) in which his predecessor intervened in a decision by the Revenue Commissioners to impose VAT on herbal teas in 2014 which resulted in the abandonment of the proposed VAT imposition; if he has given consideration to intervening in the proposed imposition of 23% VAT on food supplements planned to commence on 1 March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [17646/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the refunding of unused tax credits to persons and couples on lower incomes; if his Department has costed different income levels of such refunds in the preparations for Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [17650/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a recent presentation to the Oireachtas Select Committee on Budgetary Oversight that the cost of tax expenditures in revenue forgone is approximately €21.4 billion per annum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [10482/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider suspending the work of NAMA immediately pending the final report of the Cooke Commission of Investigation into Project Eagle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [17800/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the review his Department is undertaking in relation to the 100% increase in betting duty. — Robert Troy. [17641/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the competitiveness of the insurance section at present; the work he is carrying out in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [17832/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the use of fixed assets receivers by vulture funds and State owned banks to force the sale of buy-to-let properties in arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17793/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Finance when he plans to introduce legislation to ensure motor insurance policyholders that have claims made against them are informed of claims against them before a settlement is made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [17824/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to intervene to defer the planned imposition of 23% VAT on food supplements until a review of the impact of same on small businesses and employees has taken place, in view of the impending effect of Brexit in addition to the VAT hike; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [17647/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a report on the local property tax review process undertaken by his Department; the reason for the deferral of changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17791/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Finance the income tax receipts for the first quarter of 2019; the reason the Budget 2019 projection for this tax yield was not achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [17643/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Finance if her attention has been drawn to businesses closing down due to the cost and in some cases unavailability of insurance; her plans to protect such businesses and the jobs of persons working in them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [11152/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures taken to meet and engage with insurance companies regarding excessive premiums being charged to consumers, particularly in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; if he has investigated the possibility of opening up the insurance market to new providers in order to increase competitiveness in prices charged for motor insurance which will ultimately result in a better deal for the consumer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [17651/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Finance the actions he is taking to alleviate difficulties being experienced by business owners particularly those in the play sector in securing insurance for their business at rates that are sustainable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [17831/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which the Budget 2019 decision on VAT is reflected in the VAT yield for the Exchequer in the first quarter of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [17644/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the recommendation in the recent report by the Oireachtas Select Committee on Budgetary Oversight in relation to tax expenditures requesting that his Department prepares a report giving detailed reasons as to the reason sunset clauses are not attached to forgone tax expenditures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [17827/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason for the delay in bringing another court application for funds to pay claimants involved with the collapse of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17766/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Finance when he will make a decision and implement the decision on a change to betting tax in view the ongoing impact on the sector and on independent bookmakers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17795/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the measures taken to meet and engage with insurance companies here regarding excessive premiums being charged to consumers particularly in counties Cavan and Monaghan. — Niamh Smyth. [17740/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the recommendation in the recent report by the Personal Injuries Commission that a judicial council be established and the judges on it provide guidelines on the appropriate levels of damages for personal injuries cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [17829/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to increase carbon tax; his views on the impact of such an increase on the progressivity of the tax system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17796/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to support a public banking scheme based on the Sparkasse model due to the continued difficulties in lending volumes to SMEs particularly in rural areas and the high interest rates charged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [15648/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Finance when the appeal against the EU Commission ruling in a case (details supplied) will be heard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17797/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider providing income tax relief for the long-term lease of residential homes to address security of tenure in view of the success of a similar measure in the agricultural sector under section 664 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 as amended by the Finance Act 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17648/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures being taken to address the difficulties faced by persons and businesses regarding the high cost of insurance cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [17784/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Finance if film producers that apply for and receive section 481 tax relief are responsible to ensure that the requirement to provide quality employment and training is met and have legal responsibility for employees and trainees on film productions funded by section 481 and that those legal responsibilities carry over from production to production in cases in which the same producer is involved; his views on whether the resulting number of jobs being created in

the film industry is a small fraction of the number previously claimed by industry representatives in testimony and submissions to the Houses of the Oireachtas in view of the annual tax expenditure of €70 to €80 million on section 481; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17825/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason for the difference in the VAT registration threshold for the sale of services versus the sale of goods; if the anomaly will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17649/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Finance when the OECD will bring forward its conclusions on potential digital tax reforms; the level of consultation there has been with the OECD in relation to digital tax and related corporation tax matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [17769/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Finance if he or his officials have discussed the latest ESRI Special Article on Brexit published 26 March 2019; and its implications for the island of Ireland (details supplied). — Michael Moynihan. [16721/19]

