



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**  
**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a compensation package will be introduced for beef farmers in view of the significant decrease in prices and incomes since Autumn 2018 from the impact of Brexit; and if a formal application been submitted to the EU Commission for exceptional or market disturbance aid. — Charlie McConalogue. [20275/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to address the crisis in the beef sector here in view of the fact that it is in danger of total collapse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [20266/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the targets his Department and Bord Bia have set for 2019 for live exports of cattle including those aged six months or greater; and the resources that will be put in place to achieve these targets. — Jackie Cahill. [20276/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions being taken to control sea lice levels at salmon farm sites which are having an adverse effect on the successful survival of salmon and sea trout smolts or kelts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20261/19]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

5. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which his Department can access particular EU funding or other sources to address the issues for Irish agriculture arising in the context of Brexit and future uncertainty as a result; the steps he can take in the short-term to address the issues drawn to his attention by the farming community recently on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20113/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the minutes of the annual meeting of the Hare Coursing Monitoring Committee; if he is satisfied with the make-up of the committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [16674/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the timeline of his interactions with the EU in relation to his submission for assistance for the seafood sector in the event of a no-deal Brexit; the indicative amount of contingency funding he is seeking from the EU in the event of a UK crashout from the EU; the state of readiness of such assistance should the seafood sector have to avail of it post-October 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [19852/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position with regard to discussions regarding the next CAP reform and the protection of the CAP budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [20101/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he will take to ensure dairy farmers receive a higher price for their milk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20157/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports provided to Bord Bia to assist Irish agri-food businesses to find new markets for its produce in the context of a potentially changed trading environment post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [20100/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports he has in place for the Irish agri-sector if new UK tariffs are imposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [19046/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he can address concerns of residents close to fox hunting events regarding encroachments into residential areas; and the measures taken to address this reality to date. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [20110/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the price beef farmers are receiving for their produce from factories; the details of recent discussions at the beef forum; the actions and deadlines agreed; the steps being taken to protect beef farmers from a hard Brexit and a Mercosur deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [20060/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the beef environmental efficiency pilot; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [20104/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which his attention has been drawn to the difficulties facing the beef sector with particular reference to the need to ensure the sustainability of farm families in the context of competition in the market place, a reasonable return for their produce and a means of addressing the issue of peaks and valleys in the industry which causes difficulty in relation to forward planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20112/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the change in land eligibility for farmers in cases in which land qualified under biophysical constraint (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [20094/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he expects to receive a reply to his submission to the EU for a fund to support beef farmers in the wake of Brexit; the

way in which he plans to administer such a fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20158/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the targets Bord Bia has for 2019 for live export of cattle for six months or more; the resources in place to ensure a reasonable number are delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [20093/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which compulsory electronic tagging of lambs for slaughter improves traceability when livestock marts and meat processing factories are refusing to read tags electronically; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [19997/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and location of fish farms around the country; the number of inspections at these fish farms each year since 2016; the reason for the decision to rescind a fish farm licence under section 68 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [19126/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the Programme for Partnership Government commitment to seek recognition from the European Commission for forgotten farmers as a group with specific disadvantage under the national reserve in the same way that old young farmers are provided for. — Charlie McConalogue. [20059/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts he is making to seek new markets in the context of Brexit; the efforts being made by agencies under his remit to provide support to agri-food business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [20103/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of recent progress in the development of live export markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [20102/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the recent progress in the development of live export markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [20099/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a compensation package will be introduced for beef farmers that have seen incomes severely impacted since Autumn 2018. — Thomas Byrne. [20111/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of actions being taken to prepare for Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [20115/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the conditions in fur farms here; the way in which he can address the concerns of groups highly critical of this practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [20109/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent of contingency planning he has prepared in the event of a no-deal Brexit; the submissions he has made to the EU for assistance should a no-deal Brexit occur for the entire seafood sector; when such contingencies would come into place in the event of a no-deal; when the assistance packages will be made available to the entire seafood sector; if the state of preparedness in the marine sector is equal to

preparations made already for the agriculture sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [19851/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to support and incentivise the wide scale production of premium quality tillage crops, meat and dairy products here concentrating on GMO-free, organic and 100% Irish-made products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [20108/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the appeals process for the ANC scheme with reference to appeals by farmers in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [19048/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason farmers are not paid for the fifth quarter, that is, remaining pieces of an animal carcass which are not being used for meat production. — Charlie McConalogue. [20057/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to implement full convergence of the basic payment scheme immediately or on a gradual basis over the lifetime of the next CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [19996/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views with regard to children being present at horse racing and greyhound racing tracks in view of the trends of problem gambling and the exposure to persons under the legal age to gambling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [14340/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and location of organic salmon farms requested to accelerate harvesting in view of concerns in relation to high sea lice levels on their farms; the number and location of other farms with levels of sea lice that are of concern; the actions being taken to address and resolve these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20098/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason only 81 approved loans under the Brexit loan scheme have progressed to bank level despite 462 eligibility applications received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [19045/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a compensation package will be introduced as a direct mitigation measure from the decrease in prices experienced by beef farmers since Autumn 2018 from the impact of Brexit. — Charlie McConalogue. [20056/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made on growing existing markets and establishing new markets that will equate to exports of agricultural produce to the UK in view of the delay in Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [19998/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to reports (details supplied) that at least 40 Irish and UK born and trained greyhounds are allegedly being kept in very poor conditions for breeding in China; the resources he will make available for the repatriation of Irish greyhounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [19047/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to ongoing research undertaken by NUI Galway with EU funding in relation to antibiotic resistant bacteria in the sea around County Galway; the actions being taken further to the findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20097/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of Irish beef products that are genetically modified free; the percentage of Irish dairy products that are genetically modified free; the percentage of cattle feed used here that is imported genetically modified free; if the imported feed is tested for traces of chemicals such as glyphosate; if so, the locations these test results can be accessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [20107/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contingencies being operationalised and supports that will be in place to safeguard farmers here and the agri-food sector for all scenarios including a no-deal hard Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [20058/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the submission made to the European Commission for an additional support package for the beef sector; the feedback received; and when a final decision is expected. — Martin Heydon. [20105/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports in place to support farmers and the mushroom growers sector in view of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20106/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to assist farmers affected by the ongoing beef crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20061/19]

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#### **CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA** **QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

\*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to change the travel status to Sri Lanka in view of violence in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20259/19]

*Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.*

\*46. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to continue with the help to buy scheme beyond 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [20173/19]

\*47. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 136 of 16 April 2019, his views on a matter (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [20283/19]

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

\*48. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of plans to implement recommendations made by the Labour Court in terms of enhanced redundancy and pension entitlements for community employment supervisors. — Robert Troy. [20256/19]

\*49. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has issued the report on the public servants forced to retire between 6 December 2017 and the commencement of the Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act 2018 due to reaching 65 years of age as per Part 3, section 6 of the Act; if appropriate remedies to assist this cohort have been found; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [20265/19]

\*50. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the proposed industrial action by community employment supervisors; if he will engage with unions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20194/19]

\*51. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for full restoration of public service pensions before 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [20198/19]

\*52. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to provide increases in public service pensions of €12,000 or less; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [20199/19]

\*53. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will arrange a meeting as requested by a union (details supplied) to discuss the implementation of a pension scheme for community employment supervisors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [20238/19]

\*54. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the Ministerial gross expenditure ceilings as originally budgeted for, that is, ceiling for 2018 according to the Budget 2016 expenditure report for each year since expenditure ceilings were established by gross capital and gross current expenditure; the actual Ministerial gross expenditure for each of these years including 2018 by gross capital and gross current expenditure in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20264/19]

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

\*55. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeline for the new secondary school for west Blanchardstown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [20177/19]

\*56. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for new secondary school provision in Kill, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [20182/19]

\*57. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the incentives or entitlements in place or being considered to encourage Irish trained teachers that emigrated to return to live and work here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [20186/19]



\*58. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a decision will be made in relation to an application form in respect of a student (details supplied) in County Donegal under the assistive technology scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [20189/19]

\*59. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cad iad sonraí na réamhscoileanna, na mbunscoileanna agus na n-iar-bhunscoileanna, go háirithe ainm, áit agus uimhir na scoileanna sin, a bheidh ag glacadh páirt sa Chlár Foghlamtha Comhtháite Ábhar agus Teangacha le linn scoilbhliain 2019/2020; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [20190/19]

\*60. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cad é líon na múinteoirí i ngach scoil atá ag glacadh páirt sa Chlár Foghlamtha Comhtháite Ábhar agus Teangacha le linn scoilbhliain 2019/2020 agus atá cáilithe chun ábhair eile, seachas an Ghaeilge, a mhúineadh trí mheán na Gaeilge sna scoileanna sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [20191/19]

\*61. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cad é líon na ndaltaí a ghlacfaidh páirt sa Chlár Foghlamtha Comhtháite Ábhar agus Teangacha le linn scoilbhliain 2019/2020 agus cad iad na ranganna/blianta scoile lena mbaineann siad de réir scoile i bhfoirm tábla; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [20192/19]

\*62. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an appeal with the Primary Staffing Appeals Board in respect of a school (details supplied) which is requesting the retention of its third mainstream classroom teacher in September 2019 due to extenuating circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [20206/19]

\*63. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) retains its third mainstream classroom teacher in September 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [20211/19]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a contract has been signed for the site for the new school building for a school (details supplied); and the new timeline for the commencement and delivery of the building. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20214/19]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a site has been considered for the new second-level school for south County Kildare; if negotiations have begun with the Department of Defence; the details of correspondence in relation to same; and the number of meetings that have taken place between the KWETB and Educate Together. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20215/19]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the proposed new primary school in Kanturk, County Cork; when the project will progress to the construction stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [20217/19]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to address the various issues which special needs assistants are experiencing nationally in terms of job security, hours of work, contractual inequalities and SNA staffing levels in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [20222/19]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the criteria or guidelines issued to schools for the tasks assigned and use of the bank of SNA hours allocated to a school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [20223/19]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a post-primary school bus service will be provided to the residents of a village (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20239/19]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a decision has been made on a post-primary school bus application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20240/19]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of an ASD unit for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [20269/19]

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

\*72. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the sections of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 in force; and when he plans to commence outstanding sections. — James Browne. [20175/19]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to plans to increase the number of gardaí at Rathcoole Garda station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [20180/19]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason maintenance costs are not taken into account when calculating the expenses of persons applying for legal aid and that pay maintenance for a child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20220/19]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when all sections of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 will be commenced; the reason for the delay of commencement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [20224/19]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the risk posed to Irish Prison Service staff and vulnerable prisoners by prison overcrowding; and the steps he will take to ensure prisoners are not forced to sleep on mattresses on the floor in prisons as a consequence of overcrowding. — Clare Daly. [20227/19]

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

\*77. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the regulations for permits for seasonal workers in the agri-food sector have been reviewed with a view to the influx of workers in summer 2019. — Clare Daly. [20307/19]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of companies supported by the IDA by country of origin in tabular form; her views on whether there is an over-reliance on one country in particular; if so, the measures she is taking to reduce this over-reliance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20165/19]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans for the removal of the healthcare assistant role from the ineligible categories of employment for the employment

permits list in view of the shortage of same which is presenting as a crisis for the management of nursing homes. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [20178/19]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn to concerns raised by stakeholders in the nursing home and healthcare industry regarding the recent changes to the work permit system and the adverse effect this may have on the recruitment of healthcare assistants within the general health service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [20228/19]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*81. To ask the Minister for Health if a request by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to a specific service will be considered. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [20163/19]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to concerns by cancer patients in County Donegal travelling to a hospital (details supplied) in the context of a hard Brexit; the steps that have been taken to ensure patients having to travel to Northern Ireland will not have their cancer treatment interrupted by Brexit related events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [20166/19]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to providing additional home help hours for a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20167/19]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) was refused additional home help hours to their allocation of five hours. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20168/19]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Health the status of pending surgery for a person (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [20169/19]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting over a year and a half for vital home therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20172/19]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding Caranua (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20179/19]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the publication and implementation of the pricing review for high dependency, specialist care needs of persons requiring nursing home care. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [20183/19]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Health if he will seek clarification from the HSE in relation to the submission of documentation to the medical card unit on 14 March 2019 and a subsequent letter issuing from the unit in recent days seeking the same documentation in relation to a person (details supplied); and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the application is being held up as a result of the delay. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [20188/19]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Health if a favourable response will issue to a request for a meeting from representatives of persons (details supplied) living with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20195/19]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the new wheelchair provided for a person (details supplied) needs to be repaired or replaced; and if the problems will be resolved out of respect to the person in view of the expenditure of public funding for the wheelchair. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [20196/19]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Health if the Health Service Executive has ceased publishing performance and management data reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [20203/19]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant posts in whole-time equivalent terms in the CAMHS by CHO in tabular form. — Niamh Smyth. [20204/19]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons on the waiting list for CAMHS in counties Cavan and Monaghan to date; the length of time they have been on the list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20205/19]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that the recruitment methods of healthcare assistants for the nursing home and healthcare industry are sufficient to address the reported labour shortfall in the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [20229/19]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding overcrowding at the department of psychiatry in University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20230/19]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting transfer to the department of psychiatry at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20231/19]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients referred to the department of psychiatry, University Hospital Waterford in 2018; the number of patients with a County Wexford address; the number of patients with a County Waterford address; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20232/19]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Wexford awaiting an occupational therapy appointment; the number waiting more than 12, 24 and 36 months, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20233/19]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Wexford awaiting a speech and language therapy appointment; the number waiting more than 12, 24 and 36 months, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20234/19]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list for CAMHS appointments by CHO area and region; the length of time each child has been waiting; the waiting list for inpatient CAMHS beds by CHO area and region; the length of time each child has been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [20237/19]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Health his plans in relation to persons that have been affected by a drug (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [20241/19]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports regarding the storage of bodies at a hospital (details supplied); his plans to investigate the matter further; if he is satisfied that there is sufficient refrigeration capacity at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [20242/19]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address an issue (details supplied) with regard to University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20245/19]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Health if appointments for a department in a hospital (details supplied) are being cancelled at short notice due to the fact that this department is being used as an overflow for the accident and emergency department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20246/19]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has to pay for medication prescribed by their general practitioner; if immediate assistance will be granted in view of the extenuating circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20248/19]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Health if a replacement knee operation will be arranged as a matter of urgency for a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in providing the operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20249/19]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Health if retrospective costs will be reimbursed to a cancer patient (details supplied) that was granted a medical card after their diagnosis having incurred significant expenses in the interim. — Sean Sherlock. [20250/19]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay for a person (details supplied) to receive an appointment with the Cavan Monaghan child development team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20254/19]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for nursing home support by a person (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [20255/19]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to tackle the long waiting times for access to mental health services particularly in CHO area 8. — Robert Troy. [20257/19]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE has ceased to fund the provision of patches for the treatment of chilblains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [20262/19]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can receive the hip operation they require and was promised for January 2019 but has subsequently been informed of a two year delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [20263/19]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for full-time residential care by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20267/19]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for a hearing aid by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20268/19]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will have shoulder surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [20273/19]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Health the location to which patients from County Sligo are referred for positron emission tomography scans; the reason those requiring PET scans are not referred to County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [20286/19]

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

\*118. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a compulsory purchase order was confirmed by An Bord Pleanála in August 2011 in relation to Lough Foyle; the amount paid for the order; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [20164/19]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal submitted by a person (details supplied) in respect of a scheme. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [20170/19]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department is not accepting the contractors tax clearance certificate of a person (details supplied) which was in date at the time of the application and completion of the works and which has led to a delay in issuing payment. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [20174/19]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a group (details supplied) in County Cork was not successful in securing grant aid. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [20176/19]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a forestry licence application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20197/19]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an application for restoration of GLAS and single farm payments will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20213/19]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if assistance will be provided in resolving the issue of payment of the 2018 basic farm payment scheme to a farmer (details supplied) whose 2019 payment is in order. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [20243/19]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if animal and dog sanctuaries can re-home dogs without the consent of the owner that leave dogs in for fostering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [20244/19]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter regarding a passage (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20270/19]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated annual cost and seven year cost if the Exchequer were to step in and fill the deficit caused by the proposed cut to the pillar 2 rural development programme allocation of Ireland and the specific reduction in respect of current Leader programme funding for the next CAP following the publication of the 2018 MFF proposals for the 2021-2027 period; the maximum co-financing rate permitted for member states under Leader for the amount of national Exchequer funding permitted over a full CAP and RDP



window; the EU and national Exchequer co-financing rates; and the individual amounts under the 2014-2020 Leader Programme. — Charlie McConalogue. [20280/19]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is possible under EU parameters to introduce an area based agri-environmental scheme. — Charlie McConalogue. [20281/19]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has submitted a request to the EU Commission for exceptional or market disturbance aid for beef farmers in view of the significant decrease in prices and incomes since Autumn 2018 from the impact of Brexit. — Charlie McConalogue. [20282/19]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the future prospects for the cereal growing sector with a view to ensuring a reliable income for those involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20287/19]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the future viability of the pig and pig meat industry with particular reference to access to existing or alternative markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20288/19]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to make preparations to capitalise on Brexit with particular reference to the opening up of new opportunities for Irish food production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20289/19]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the future development of the agri-food sector notwithstanding Brexit or other challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20290/19]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he can encourage mitigation action in respect of greenhouse gases with the minimum impact on agriculture production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20291/19]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which opportunities continue to exist for the artisan food sector; the degree to which the industry has grown over the past three years; his expectations for the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20292/19]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which fishing remains a viable option for fishing dependent families nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20293/19]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the market for venison remains viable here and abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20294/19]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he expects to achieve sufficient support at EU level to offset the effect of Brexit on the agri-food sector both pre and post the event; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20295/19]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he anticipates to be in a position to offer adequate support directly or via the EU, for farm families with particular reference to those most likely to be challenged by Brexit or other global events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20296/19]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he envisages beef producers to be able to rely on a steady income from their enterprise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20297/19]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which he expects the dairy sector to grow in the future notwithstanding international events and increased competition on world markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20298/19]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which he expects agricultural exports to develop and grow in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20299/19]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the prospects for the lamb trade remain positive for the foreseeable future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20300/19]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he expects the poultry sector to grow in the short, medium and long-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20301/19]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the future of the fishing industry notwithstanding the potential impact of events outside his control with particular reference to those families traditionally dependent on the fishing industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20302/19]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he expects job opportunities to remain constant in the fishing and fish processing sector incorporating value added products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20306/19]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the system of collection of the foal levy and allocation of the funding raised from it lacks transparency; and the steps he will take to address same. — Clare Daly. [20308/19]

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

\*148. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which fish restocking with traditional game fish continues to take place in lakes and rivers nationally; the degree to which trout and salmon has featured in this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20303/19]

\*149. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil an ndearna sé plé le húdaráis RTÉ maidir le teip an stáisiúin a gcuid dualgas reachtúil i leith craolachán i nGaeilge a chomhlíonadh; cad iad na torthaí a bhí aontaithe; cad é an plean gníomhaíochta a aontáodh agus cad é an t-amlíne chun é a chur i bhfeidhm; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [20193/19]



\*150. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the implementation of the EU Web Accessibility Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [20209/19]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the actions he will take to ensure that information is provided on the health impact of 5G roll out here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20271/19]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he is satisfied there are no health implications from the roll out of 5G here (details supplied); his plans to address these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20272/19]

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

\*153. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason Bus Éireann is charging more for a shorter bus journey (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [20184/19]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when an announcement will issue regarding organisations that were successful in the 2018 round of sports capital funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [20210/19]

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

\*155. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding provided to projects (details supplied) in 2018; the estimated amount to be paid in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [20202/19]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she will take to ensure the continuation of a crèche (details supplied) which parents and staff have been informed is due to cease operation in August 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [20274/19]

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

\*157. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an evidence based assessment will be carried out on the transposition of IORP II in relation to the potential additional costs that may arise to small pension schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [20181/19]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to provide access for retired public servants to the industrial relations machinery of the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [20200/19]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a working family payment application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20201/19]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20208/19]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [20212/19]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if arrears of a disability allowance payment will be expedited in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20221/19]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a carer’s allowance application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [20225/19]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was refused illness benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [20235/19]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on a carer’s benefit claim by a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [20236/19]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a payment due to a person (details supplied) will be made. — John McGuinness. [20247/19]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [20251/19]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [20252/19]

\*169. 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. [20258/19]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the impact of the total contributions approach introduced in 2018 as a result of anomalies due to changes in legislation in 2012 particularly on pensioners born prior to the cut-off date introduced will be reviewed; her plans to amend the cut-off date in order to include a wider group of pensioners that may have been adversely affected by this decision; if a mechanism of appeal on grounds of financial hardship will be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [20260/19]

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

\*171. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there is discretion in the administration of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme that would allow for the inclusion of a property that is slightly larger than the size guidelines highlighted in the criteria; and if other criteria are met by an applicant, if discretion can be used in relation to the size of the property. — Robert Troy. [20218/19]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of planned changes to the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme criteria. — Robert Troy. [20219/19]

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

\*173. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the degree to which conservation measures continue in respect of grouse, pheasant, partridge and woodcock; the degree to which their natural habitat remains protected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20304/19]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which the landrail corncrake remains protected; the estimated number remaining; the degree to which their natural habitat remains protected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20305/19]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to develop a strategy to phase out hare coursing here in view of the NPWS report that four hares died of injuries sustained at a fixture (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20185/19]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will address a matter regarding licences for shooting deer (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20187/19]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if a definitive map will be provided showing the boundaries of the Wicklow Mountains National Park (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [20277/19]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the publication date for the last Wicklow Mountains National Park management plan; her plans to update same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [20278/19]