



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. 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]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee C (European Union including Brexit) last met. — Brendan Howlin. [16384/19]
3. 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]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with EU leaders. — Eamon Ryan. [17623/19]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the European Council on 10 April 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [17715/19]
6. 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]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the EU Council meeting of 10 April 2019. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17788/19]
8. 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]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he spoke with or met with President Macron at the April 2019 EU Council meeting. — Micheál Martin. [17820/19]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the European Council meeting held in Brussels on 10 April 2019. — Seán Haughey. [18735/19]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee C (European Union including Brexit) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Joan Burton. [20535/19]
12. 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]

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

14. 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]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee G (Justice and Equality) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Joan Burton. [20537/19]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee G (Justice and Equality) last met. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20545/19]

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

18. 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]

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

20. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for a new covenant between Church and State. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18732/19]

21. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for a new relationship between Church and State. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20546/19]

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

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

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

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

26. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18733/19]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met. — Brendan Howlin. [19962/19]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20547/19]

29. 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]

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

31. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee A (Economy) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18734/19]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if rural issues are allocated to Cabinet committee A (Economy); and when it last met. — Michael Moynihan. [20553/19]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the US Congressional delegation that visited Ireland. — Brendan Howlin. [19963/19]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent discussions with the British Prime Minister regarding Northern Ireland. — Brendan Howlin. [19964/19]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to Prime Minister May since Dáil Éireann adjourned for the Easter recess; and if so, if he discussed the Northern Ireland talks, Brexit or other matters. — Micheál Martin. [20558/19]

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with EU leaders. — Joan Burton. [20536/19]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the discussion at the informal EU Council meeting on building a greener, fairer and more inclusive future; and if he contributed to same. — Michael Moynihan. [20555/19]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if digital taxation was discussed at the informal EU Council meeting. — Michael Moynihan. [20557/19]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the discussions at the informal EU Council meeting in May 2019 on developing the EU economic base, in particular regarding fair and effective taxation, protecting the single market, deepening EMU and ensuring connectivity in addition to developing artificial intelligence; and if he contributed to these discussions. — Micheál Martin. [20559/19]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he attended bilaterals when he attended the informal EU Council meeting on 9 May 2019; and if so, the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [20560/19]

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

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

41. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the actions being taken to reduce the costs of doing business here and reverse competitiveness deficiencies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [20851/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the uptake of the Brexit business supports to date; the number of businesses that have availed of the Brexit loan scheme, the future growth loan scheme, be prepared grant and the market discovery grant; the number

of businesses that have had their applications for these grants rejected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20613/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the timeline for the implementation of each of the 14 recommendations made by the Personal Injuries Commission regarding personal injury awards. — Billy Kelleher. [20852/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the actions and preventions taken to support the midlands region in terms of employment in view of the recent job losses in Bord na Móna. — Carol Nolan. [20901/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the strategic priorities she plans to deliver via the research programme supported by Science Foundation Ireland. — Eamon Ryan. [20929/19]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

46. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the process for changes to the work permits system in view of labour shortages in certain sectors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [20608/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of new first-time investments by new IDA client companies in County Donegal in each of the past ten years; the percentage of the national total of new client investments this represents in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [20606/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her main concerns in relation to the Brexit readiness of businesses here; if she is concerned in relation to a particular sector; if so, the measures she is undertaking to ensure the sectors increase preparedness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [20356/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the uptake of the Brexit loan scheme; the number of applications applied for and granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20360/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the regional enterprise plans; her views on the way in which this will benefit County Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [20593/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to bring forward the legislated powers of the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission to issue fines for breaches of European and Irish competition law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [20355/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the reason no legislation to tackle the issue of ticket touting has progressed through Dáil Éireann; if she will honour the commitment given to an organisation (details supplied) regarding having ticket touting legislation

in place for the Euro 2020 games to be held here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20602/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when the next round of the Project Ireland 2040 disruptive technologies fund will open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20581/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on whether the full report of the trial of a person (details supplied) should be made available to Members of Dáil Éireann in order to identify potential legal lacunas and weaknesses from existing company law that emerged in the case with a view to strengthening the Companies (Corporate Enforcement Authority) Bill 2018. — Billy Kelleher. [20589/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the additional resources that will be made available to the Workplace Relations Commission in order for it to implement the objectives in its strategy statement Fair and Compliant Workplaces and Equal Treatment in Services 2019 to 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [20358/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the supports available through her Department and the agencies under her remit to help businesses trade online; the impact the National Broadband Plan will have from a business perspective; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [20595/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the impact of the regional enterprise plans in County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [20597/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to address the issue of unemployment and the need for further investment in the south-east; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20361/19]

59. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of persons working in her Department that earn less than the living wage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20603/19]

60. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she is taking to promote job creation in the mid-east region including County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20583/19]

61. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the measures being implemented to strengthen the powers and effectiveness of the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [20507/19]

62. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her Department monitors the take-up of the Brexit loan scheme operated through the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland; the number of applications received; the number that have been successful; the amount of loan finance that has been approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [20510/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when the next round of the disruptive technology fund will open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [20599/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if recent changes in the Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2018 with regard to contracts of employment and so on will see extra resources allocated to the WRC to ensure compliance with the new laws and increased protections for workers affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [20567/19]

65. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the launch of Future Jobs Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [20600/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if there has been an increase in entrepreneurial activity in the Border counties in view of Brexit; if the LEOs have seen an increase in applications for funding and or support since June 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [20357/19]

67. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if applications for the export of arms or dual-use items to Saudia Arabia were refused between 2011 and 2017 on the basis of criterion 2 of Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP; and if so, the number. — Clare Daly. [20564/19]

68. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when the next round of the regional enterprise development fund will open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [20607/19]

69. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when legislation to provide for a minimum five year expiry date on gift vouchers will be enacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20584/19]

70. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the process for ratifying CETA here and the recent European Court of Justice ruling on the compatibility of the investment court system. — Billy Kelleher. [20591/19]

71. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of negotiations with the European Commission or other European Union bodies in respect of the relaxation of state aid rules in which it is appropriate for particular sectors that may require additional funding in the context of Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [18018/19]

72. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will report on her address to the European Financial Forum recently; and if the IFSC will increase in numbers as a result of Brexit. — Michael Moynihan. [14017/19]

73. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she has provided the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement with additional resources to account for the two new high-profile investigations the office is now conducting; if she will publish the report on the failings of the ODCE investigation into a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20601/19]



74. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the impact the National Broadband Plan will have in implementing strategies such as Future Jobs Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [20596/19]

75. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she has formally submitted a request or is preparing to submit a request at EU level to revise state aid rules as set out in Regulation (EU) No. 1407/2013 to protect exposed Irish enterprises and exporters from Brexit. — Billy Kelleher. [20592/19]

76. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the performance of the IDA in terms of attracting investment and creating jobs both nationally and in County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [20598/19]

77. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the progress to date in the Action Plan for Rural Development to increase the spread of jobs in all regions. — Dara Calleary. [15474/19]

78. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she is taking to assist companies in the Border counties to be prepared for Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [20605/19]

79. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if further supports are available to businesses which are affected by the uncertainty surrounding the decision of the United Kingdom to exit the European Union; if and when this will take place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [20508/19]

80. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of regional IDA site visits by county; the number and status of vacant IDA properties nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [20588/19]

81. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to include jockeys and skilled work riders for employment in horse training yards on the critical skills list and other employment permit categories due to chronic shortages in the labour market; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [20359/19]

82. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the reason Ireland put its name to a working paper opposing the strengthening of dual-use export controls on cyber surveillance software from the EU (details supplied) in view of the fact that the proposals were aimed at preventing human rights abuses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20565/19]

83. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will introduce legislation or guidelines to regulate remote working to protect both the rights of workers and interests of business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20604/19]

84. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the progress that has been made by her Department and agencies under her remit in driving job creation in the mid-west region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [20534/19]

85. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the regional enterprise plans; the benefits for County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [20533/19]

86. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the regional enterprise plans; the benefits for counties Longford and Westmeath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [20531/19]

87. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the launch of Future Jobs Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20582/19]

88. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the discussions she has had with the European Commission or other European bodies on the possibility of additional funding as a consequence of Brexit; if she has had discussions with the European Union on relaxing of state aid rules; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [18073/19]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*89. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the discussions at the informal EU Council meeting in May 2019 on protecting citizens and freedoms in addition to immigration. — Micheál Martin. [20562/19]

\*90. To ask the Taoiseach if the CSO has a formal quality assurance policy and programme to assure the quality of official statistical outputs. — Clare Daly. [20378/19]

\*91. To ask the Taoiseach if the National Statistics Board received a document outlining concerns with staffing and culture at the CSO in August 2018; and if so, the action taken by the board to investigate and or address these concerns. — Clare Daly. [20379/19]

\*92. To ask the Taoiseach the professional qualifications required of those seeking or occupying statistical positions on the management board of the CSO. — Clare Daly. [20380/19]

\*93. To ask the Taoiseach the professional statistical qualifications required of statistical managers at CSO board level; and if he is satisfied that these requirements compare favourably nationally to other organisations such as the ESRI. — Clare Daly. [20381/19]

\*94. To ask the Taoiseach the professional qualifications required of those seeking or occupying senior statistical positions at the CSO. — Clare Daly. [20382/19]

\*95. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which members of the audit committee of the CSO are chosen for the role; and if expertise in statistics is a prerequisite for membership. — Clare Daly. [20383/19]

\*96. To ask the Taoiseach when the term of the Director General of the Central Statistics Office will come to an end; and his plans in respect of appointing a new Director General. — Joan Burton. [20649/19]

\*97. To ask the Taoiseach the costs incurred by his Department in respect of advertising in all forms to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Michael McGrath. [21127/19]

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

\*98. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if tenders for building the MRV have been received (details supplied) in view of the fact that the 2019 budget is now in place; if so, if a tender for the building of same has been accepted; the full expected cost of same when delivered; the delivery date for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [20568/19]

\*99. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the steps being taken to ensure that the optimum response is always deployed by the State in circumstances in which communities face the threat posed by emergency situations such as the recent wildfires in west County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20585/19]

\*100. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the precise time the request for the Air Corps to be deployed to provide support to local fire services tending to the recent wildfires in County Donegal was received; when formal approval for the Air Corps helicopter to be dispatched was granted as per the request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20586/19]

\*101. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if colour blindness is an automatic disqualifier for application to the Defence Forces; if there have been changes to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20668/19]

\*102. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if funding has been made available for a new electric target range at the Defence Forces Training Centre, the Curragh; if so, when this work will commence; and the estimated time for completion. — Clare Daly. [20682/19]

\*103. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to have a bilateral meeting with the United States Secretary of the Air Force, Ms Heather Wilson. — Clare Daly. [20683/19]

\*104. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will review the circumstances of a recent applicant (details supplied) to become a cadet in the Army; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [20721/19]

\*105. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 47 of 3 October 2018, if tenders for building the multi-role vessel have been received in view of the fact that the 2019 budget is now in place; if so, if a tender for building of the vessel has been accepted; the full cost of the vessel when delivered; the delivery date for the ship which has been agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [20726/19]

\*106. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to instances in which branches of the Civil Defence are unable to fulfil their role or provide service due to a lack of resources in either 2018 or to date in 2019; the funding and resource allocation by branch made for the past two years to date; his plans to increase these supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [20770/19]

\*107. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the costs incurred by his Department in respect of advertising in all forms to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21120/19]

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

\*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the latest attacks in Israel and Palestine were discussed at the recent Foreign Affairs Council. — Michael Moynihan. [20556/19]

\*109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the costs incurred by his Department in respect of advertising in all forms to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21122/19]

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

\*110. To ask the Minister for Finance if a matter regarding green certificate qualification will be addressed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20455/19]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Finance if Ireland's corporation tax rate was discussed at the Ecofin meeting in May 2019. — Micheál Martin. [20548/19]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the final report by the high level expert group on sustainable finance published by the European Commission in 2018; his views on the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [20342/19]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps which will be taken with regard to the fines received by the Central Bank in relation to the tracker mortgage scandal; if the fines will be directed to anything in particular; if they will be directed to the Exchequer by way of the Central Bank surplus at the end of the year; if discussions have taken place with the Central Bank in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [20343/19]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will exempt the drug pembro from VAT in cases in which persons are raising public donations to purchase the drug until such time as the HSE gives approval to patients that require the drug. — John McGuinness. [20411/19]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the VRT rate on the importation of motorhomes with an EU category of M1, M2 or M3 and an EU bodywork code of SA as defined in EU/678/2011 in view of the fact that such rates are much higher here and not in parallel with other EU countries. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [20423/19]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether a correction to the record of Dáil Éireann is required regarding his replies on the issue of the historic treatment of food and food supplements for the purposes of VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20446/19]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Finance if a borrower is entitled at all times to pay off the arrears owed in full at any point in time and that it is not open to the loan owner to refuse to accept such a payment of arrears against the loan account in the context of a buy to let loan on a residential property; if the Central Bank has encountered instances of this practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [20453/19]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding betting tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20648/19]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Finance if further time can be given to the representatives of a person (details supplied) that are attempting to dispose of some of the assets to meet the outstanding nursing home charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20705/19]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce a tax credit in respect of childcare expenses incurred by taxpayers; the consideration given to this proposal previously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [20772/19]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost in a full year if the earned income credit increased from €1,350 to €1,500 for those in receipt of gross income up to €60,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20809/19]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Finance the costs incurred by his Department in respect of advertising in all forms to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21121/19]

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

\*123. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the Public Service Pay Commission will complete its work on the examination of recruitment and retention challenges in the defence sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [20311/19]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of civil servants within his Department on a transfer request list; and his views on whether civil servants should work closer to their homes if possible. — Micheál Martin. [20425/19]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the Ministerial gross expenditure ceilings in each year of their projections (details supplied) since expenditure ceilings were established by gross capital expenditure and gross current expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20320/19]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the costs incurred by his Department in respect of advertising in all forms to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [20334/19]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when funding will be available to progress a significant number of Rebuilding Ireland home loan applications within counties Louth and Meath and nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [20374/19]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which he will accommodate the cost of the National Broadband Plan which was not fully accounted for in the National Development Plan 2018-2027; the amount needed over the life of the National Development Plan 2018-2027 to pay for the National Broadband Plan above that already allocated; if other projects either within the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment

or from other Departments will be impacted by the cost that will be incurred on the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20627/19]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will publish the briefing given to the Cabinet from his Department in relation to the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20628/19]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the briefing given to the Cabinet from his Department in relation to the National Broadband Plan is consistent with the correspondence from his Department that was published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20629/19]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if projects will be put on hold or cancelled as a result of the additional funds required to fund the National Broadband Plan; the projects impacted by Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [20678/19]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW has a facility to accept online bookings for admission fees to each heritage site under its remit. — Clare Daly. [20689/19]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps he has taken to solve the issue of community employment supervisor pension and redundancy claims since the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection met with a delegation alongside representative unions recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [20695/19]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has received written agreements between two local authorities over the management and direction of a flood relief scheme (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [20699/19]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his attention has been drawn to the fact that applicants that are placed on the Office of Public Works midlands recruitment list are not being recruited in order of their placement on the list; and the number of candidates recruited to positions to date in 2019; and the original placement of each on the recruitment panel for OPW positions within the midlands region. — Robert Troy. [20714/19]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the impact the National Broadband Plan and the €1.5 billion required in addition to the funding already allocated in the National Development Plan 2018-2027 will have on capital expenditure over the life of the National Development Plan; the projects that will be impacted; the projects that will be impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20791/19]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the cost benefit analysis for the National Broadband Plan in February 2019 did not comply with the public spending code; if it is currently compliant with the code; the specific changes made between February 2019 to date that made the analysis compliant with the code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20795/19]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if further Exchequer funding will be committed to the National Development Plan 2018-2027 in order to pay for the National Broadband Plan while protecting other projects scheduled to be delivered under the National

Development Plan; the impact this will have on the fiscal position of the State and national debt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20796/19]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when construction work on the new forensic science laboratory at Backweston Campus will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20804/19]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding plans to reopen a Garda station (details supplied) in County Dublin; when works at the station will be completed for handover to the Garda authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20869/19]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if consideration will be given to establishing a high level interdepartmental taskforce working with local authorities to drive strategic policy in relation to coastal erosion and flooding with a view to putting a national policy framework in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20934/19]

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

\*142. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether it is acceptable that a family that were forced to emigrate to Australia in 2012 due to the recession and that have now returned from Australia to their home are liable for international fees in third-level institutions here (details supplied); and his plans to ensure that this charge is changed and that persons that have had to emigrate are not affected in such a manner. — Peadar Tóibín. [20724/19]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason Bus Éireann cannot facilitate an earlier morning service to a school (details supplied) in order that the school can attract more students which would allow retention of adequate teaching numbers. — Martin Ferris. [20898/19]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 405 of 26 March 2019, the status of the matter raised. — Catherine Murphy. [20321/19]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding access for school (details supplied) to the sports hall building programme for the provision of adequate physical education facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [20370/19]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount of funding on average per annum spent of supporting STEM in areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [20372/19]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to ensure that prefabs will not be needed for a school (details supplied) and that the structural defects will be fixed before new school year in September 2019. — Clare Daly. [20397/19]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timescale for the delivery of a school (details supplied) which had a promised commencement of 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20398/19]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps parents can take to an seek a secondary school exemption in Irish for their child in circumstances in which the school is not willing or able to grant an exemption; if the parents can make a direct application to his Department

for an exemption for their child; if so, the process; and if he will review this decision. — Róisín Shortall. [20403/19]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to introduce a regulation or statutory instrument recognising the title of guidance counsellors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [20420/19]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will publish the 2009 report by a company (details supplied) on school transport services provided by Bus Éireann without redactions in view of the time that has passed since it was first published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20439/19]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress in building a new school building for a school (details supplied); and when the pre-qualification of contractors will be finalised and approved. — Kathleen Funchion. [20442/19]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding an appeal by a school (details supplied) in County Cork in respect of its staffing allocation for the 2019/2020 school year under the developing area status heading; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [20443/19]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school placement in an ASD unit will be sourced for a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20470/19]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in relation to essential repair works required to a school (details supplied) in County Cork; the timeline of plans for a new school building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [20480/19]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for an extension and or new build; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [20481/19]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to appoint a clerk of works on all the projects on the current status of large scale projects list being delivered under the school building programme; if some smaller schools or extensions will not have a clerk of works appointed or sanctioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20503/19]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if it will be ensured that children with autism in the north Dublin area receive an appropriate education; if the necessary special classes and special schools will be provided for these children; if the National Council for Special Education wrote to him in April 2019 to advise him that sufficient schools will not respond voluntarily to meet the demand; if he will invoke the provisions of the Education (Admissions to School) Act 2018 to ensure that the necessary places are provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [20530/19]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position of the proposed new special school to replace schools (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [20538/19]



\*160. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress being made on the acquisition of a site for a post-primary school to serve the Citywest and Saggart areas of County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [20543/19]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress being made and the timeline for the selection of a patron for a proposed post-primary school in Citywest and Saggart, County Dublin. — John Lahart. [20544/19]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding insufficient secondary school places for children in ASD units in County Wexford; his plans to increase provision of second-level ASD units in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20609/19]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress made with regard to the provision of new primary school sites and buildings for schools (details supplied). — John Lahart. [20610/19]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the shortage of primary school places in Rathcoole, County Dublin; his plans to assist the approximately 24 children that cannot get a school place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [20612/19]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the construction of a school (details supplied); the status of the tendering process; the date of the tender awarded; the timescale for construction to commence; the expected delivery date of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [20616/19]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 282 of 26 March 2019, if a principal has been appointed for the north County Kildare Gaelcholáiste; if rental accommodation has been secured; if so, the location of some; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [20618/19]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when tenders will be invited from the shortlist of contractors for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [20619/19]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of tenders received for the appointment of a design team for a school (details supplied) by the closing date of 2 April 2019; when the contract will be awarded to the preferred design team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [20620/19]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if tenders have now been invited from the shortlist of contractors for a school (details supplied); if so, the closing date for receipt of tenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [20621/19]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if tenders have now been invited from the shortlist of contractors for a school (details supplied); if so, the closing date for receipt of tenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [20622/19]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a project manager has been appointed for the ADAPT programme; if so, when work will commence on the design of the building project for

a school (details supplied); the details of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [20623/19]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 423 of 26 March 2019, if there has been further progress on the site acquisition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [20624/19]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if tenders have been invited for the completion of a campus (details supplied) from the shortlist of seven contractors; if so, the closing date for receipt of tenders from contractors; when work will recommence on site; the estimated completion date of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [20625/19]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if circular 0071/2014 will be reviewed with a view to defining exceptional circumstances; if the circumstances and criteria for such exceptional circumstances will be set out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20653/19]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of transfers of teachers relying on exceptional circumstances in relation to circular 0071/2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20654/19]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter regarding a school bus route (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20660/19]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children that travel out of Donabate County Dublin to attend secondary school outside Donabate; the number of children that travel into Donabate to attend secondary school there over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [20661/19]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question 216 of 10 July 2018, the status of the steps he is taking to secure a permanent building for a Dún Laoghaire educate together national school in order to facilitate the demand for places in educate together; when the permanent building will be ready; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20679/19]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated full year cost of 6,000 additional release days for teaching principals in primary schools. — Clare Daly. [20684/19]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will meet with a union (details supplied) to address the many questions that special needs assistants have in relation to the 13 recommendations of the NCSE before roll out begins; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [20707/19]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the lack of job security for special needs assistants; if he will consider establishing a SNA panel modelled on supplementary panel in relation to primary school teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [20708/19]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if information with regard to the way in which special needs assistants bank of 72 hours should be used and on which tasks could be circulated

immediately to schools nationally; and if these hours can be brought into line with those of teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [20709/19]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if certain entitlements such as breastfeeding breaks, day off for children's college graduation, bereavement leave, assault and health and safety leave could be introduced for special needs assistants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [20710/19]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application for emergency works due to the urgent circumstances will be expedited (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [20733/19]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 155 of 2 April 2019, if there has been progress to date in resolving the discrepancy between pay scales for former FÁS employees that transferred to SOLAS whilst legislation was being enacted and that subsequently transferred to ETBs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [20735/19]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his policy on the provision of places on school bus services by lottery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [20748/19]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to expand the provision of school bus services to a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [20749/19]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his policy on the distance a student must live from a school in order to qualify for the provision of a place on a school bus service; and his views on the matter in view of the commitments to tackle climate change and in the context of an overall goal to reduce use of private cars for transport. — Catherine Martin. [20750/19]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) in Dublin 11 has been refused funding for the purposes of repairing the outdoor play area. — Robert Troy. [20763/19]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 115 of 6 December 2018, the reason category 10 under the summer works scheme was not approved; the further detailed analysis required for category 10; if this analysis can be expedited sooner than the estimated timeframe of 2020 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20803/19]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the establishment of a technological university for the south-east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20848/19]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a site has been identified for a school (details supplied); his plans to provide permanent accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [20849/19]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a new school building will be provided for a school (details supplied) in County Dublin; if the site for the new school has been acquired; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20870/19]

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

\*194. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he will take to address prison overcrowding in view of the fact that the number of prisoners in prisons here has risen to 4,049 in April 2019 from 3,890 in April 2018. — Clare Daly. [20349/19]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 273 of 29 November 2017 and 168 of 25 October 2018, if he will report on developments in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [20351/19]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a project (details supplied) will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [20391/19]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of decisions made to date in relation to the special student scheme 2005 to 2010; and when he expects decisions to be made in all of the 3,100 applications. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20399/19]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the staff level at each of the Garda stations in the mid-western area of Dublin (details supplied); and the additional Garda resources these stations are due to receive in 2019 and 2020. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20402/19]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the average time Garda vetting is taking for applicants to An Garda Síochána; the reason for the delay with this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20416/19]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the age of the computer aided despatch system used by An Garda Síochána; his plans to upgrade or invest in a new system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [20427/19]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason the Garda Modernisation and Renewal Programme 2016-2021 does not make reference to a policy or practice regarding missing person cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20429/19]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which he plans to develop a cross-Departmental framework on missing person cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20431/19]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of legislation to tackle the ongoing issue of scrambler and quad bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [20457/19]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the reason for the drop in the number of personnel exchanges from An Garda Síochána to the PSNI from 2015 onwards; the reason for the drop in the length of exchanges from an initial duration of two months to the current duration of three weeks; the quality of feedback reports on these exchanges; and the value of these exchanges. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20462/19]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the action he has taken to promote exchanges and secondments between An Garda Síochána and the PSNI and vice versa beyond the initial legislation. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20463/19]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if members of An Garda Síochána and or the PSNI transfer on a temporary basis to aid with individual investigations; and if so, the legislation under which same is carried out. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20464/19]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda juvenile liaison officers attached to each Garda division in each of the years 2009 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20474/19]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of community Gardaí attached to each Garda division in each of the years 2009 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20485/19]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of community Gardaí attached to each station in the Cork City Division. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20486/19]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda vehicles attached to the Cork City Division which are ten years old or older. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20487/19]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the changes in visa requirements for transit passengers; the problems caused to some of these persons as a result of lack of clarity and contradictory requirements being furnished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20488/19]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will order an investigation into the handling of a case by An Garda Síochána (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [20501/19]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the PIAB is accepting applications from prison officers that have been injured as a result of a criminal assault in work due to a major backlog in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal; and his views on whether the Personal Injuries Board is the appropriate venue to deal with compensation claims in cases of criminal assault. — Clare Daly. [20519/19]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the State is accepting liability for assaults in view of a matter (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [20520/19]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the scheme of compensation for personal injuries criminally inflicted, the general scheme and the scheme of compensation for personal injuries criminally inflicted on prison officers under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal are being run together rather than separately, resulting in delays to the prison officers scheme as a result of delays in the general scheme; and the steps he will take to address this. — Clare Daly. [20521/19]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated cost of increasing the number of community Gardaí by 25%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [20522/19]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank attached to the Garda National Immigration Bureau as of 31 December 2017, 31 December 2018 and 3 May 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [20523/19]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank attached to the Garda operational support unit as of 31 December 2017, 31 December 2018 and 3 May 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [20524/19]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank attached to the Garda cyber crime unit as of 31 December 2017, 31 December 2018 and 3 May 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [20525/19]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the processing times for applications under the immigrant investor programmes; if there are undue delays; if so, if he has had these examined; the actions he is taking to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [20528/19]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí assigned to Portarlington Garda station each year for the past ten years. — Brian Stanley. [20549/19]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of reserve gardaí in the force in each year since 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [20569/19]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when an application for the transfer of a sentenced person (details supplied) was received; the progress made to date; when it is expected that the process of transfer will be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20574/19]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an advocate for the Garda Reserve has been established within An Garda Síochána as recommended by the Commission on Policing; if so, the role of same; and the success to date of the objective of advocating and promoting An Garda Síochána which has been achieved. — John Lahart. [20577/19]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps taken since the beginning of 2018 to achieve a greater role for the Garda Reserve within and without the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [20578/19]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he will take to speed up the process of delays being experienced by persons being vetted by An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [20657/19]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if was attention has been drawn to an incident that was reported to An Garda Síochána (details supplied); the action he would recommend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20674/19]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to upgrade the public trading licensing code (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20680/19]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the Garda specialist protective services unit for the north Dublin Garda division will be affected. — Clare Daly. [20685/19]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated full year cost of recruiting three additional digital forensic specialists for the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau. — Clare Daly. [20686/19]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the 15 extra large Garda public order vans have been delivered to Garda Divisions; and the divisions within Dublin that received one of the new vans. — Clare Daly. [20687/19]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of post-mortems, specifically those which entailed a subsequent inquest, carried out at the mortuary in Waterford University Hospital on an annual basis since 2010; his views on whether the decision of 7 May 2019 by the State Pathologist not to use the facility has implications for findings made by these inquests; the way in which he has come to this view; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [20722/19]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the waiting times for examination of items of possible evidence by trained forensic technicians; if there is a fast tracking of items in specific cases, that is, cases of rape and other serious offences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [20736/19]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of child abduction offences that occurred under section 16 of the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997 in each of the years 2015 to 2018; the number of child abduction offences that occurred under section 17 of the Act in each of the years 2015 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [20759/19]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the results of an assessment of the caseload of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal as requested by him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [20760/19]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the age of each truck attached to the Garda water unit; if funding will be provided for the replacement of the oldest age truck in the unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20806/19]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the full year cost of recruiting four additional full-time vehicle technicians for An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20807/19]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the timeline on the redrafted heads of the gambling control Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20860/19]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the fact that the Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill 2019 as drafted threatens the closure of all land based private members clubs here; if this is the planned intention of the provisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20861/19]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if it is planned that the Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill 2019 will apply to online gaming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20862/19]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the costs incurred by his Department in respect of advertising in all forms to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21125/19]

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

\*242. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA visits made to midlands regions in 2018 and to date in 2019; and the specific interventions that will be made to increase jobs in counties Laois and Offaly. — Carol Nolan. [20902/19]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the position regarding the inclusion of healthcare assistance as a role for employment within the employment permits system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20541/19]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to amend the Industrial Relations Act 1990 to ensure retired workers have representation at State arbitration services especially in situations in which their pension schemes are affected by decisions taken by negotiations between employers and employees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15649/19]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of site visits by the IDA to County Cork in 2018; the steps she is taking to increase the number of visits to the county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20614/19]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the uptake in the number of schemes in support of businesses preparing for Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20615/19]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans for the further development of the local enterprise offices into the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [20532/19]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the estimated cost in a full year if the budget for the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement increased by 30%. — Clare Daly. [20690/19]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the most recent occasion on which the IDA visited counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath; the number of new jobs that have been created by the IDA in the past 12 months; the steps it is taking to attract companies to the counties; the success it has had with the strategy for the counties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20711/19]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which she has identified science and technology will remain an integral part of business promotion and job creation in the short and medium term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20888/19]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the degree to which she continues to support and drive the creation of new enterprises in the indigenous sector nationally



with particular reference on the need to encourage the generation of employment in all regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20889/19]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the measures she continues to take to develop and improve the competitiveness of Irish goods and services on world markets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20890/19]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the degree to which the development programme of the IDA continues to develop to maximise advantages for job creation and economic competitiveness on international markets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20891/19]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the way in which she continues to liaise with the business sector throughout the regions with a view to the maximisation of investment in such a way as to enhance the opportunities for expansion in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20892/19]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which innovation continues to be a feature of enterprise and investment here; if she remains satisfied that new enterprises have adequate access to innovation technology and or appropriate assistance from the European Union; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20893/19]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which she has continued to monitor the availability of the requisite skills in the workplace having particular regard to the skills requirements of the high tech industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20894/19]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the degree to which she continues to encourage start-up enterprises in all regions nationally; the issues to date identified as being likely to impede progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20895/19]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which she continues to engage with investment and job creation interests in Northern Ireland with a view to maintaining the best possible relationship of a mutually beneficial nature with Northern Ireland and the EU in the aftermath of Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20896/19]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which she continues to promote Ireland as an attractive location for foreign direct investment with particular reference to the ability of the State to compete effectively with all other countries in the EU and outside in which the greatest competition is likely to come from; if particular advantages and disadvantages have been identified from an Irish perspective; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20897/19]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the costs incurred by her Department in respect of advertising in all forms to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21117/19]

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

\*261. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [20310/19]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [20312/19]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities in County Louth that have requested long-term residential care. — Gerry Adams. [20313/19]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities in County Louth that had business cases for residential care approved by the HSE but are still waiting for a residential placement. — Gerry Adams. [20314/19]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities nationally that had business cases for residential care approved by the HSE but are still waiting for a residential placement. — Gerry Adams. [20315/19]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Health the annual HSE budget for residential care in County Louth. — Gerry Adams. [20316/19]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Health the annual HSE budget for residential care nationally. — Gerry Adams. [20317/19]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Health the residential care providers both public and private here; the funding which each received in 2018 from the HSE; and the funding allocation for 2019. — Gerry Adams. [20318/19]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a hospital appointment. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [20319/19]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Health if a homecare package will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20322/19]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive the results of a test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [20323/19]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Health if and when a replacement speech and language therapist will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20324/19]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Health when work is expected to be completed in view of the fact that he has previously indicated that he will give further consideration to the need for an inquiry into foetal valproate syndrome as soon in view of the fact the valproate response team of the HSE has completed its work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20327/19]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with a forum (details supplied) and respond to its request for an inquiry into accountability issues and compensation for those persons and families already affected by foetal valproate syndrome. — Clare Daly. [20328/19]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time his attention has been drawn to the risks associated with the use of valproate in pregnancy; the actions taken to minimise these risks in particular prior to 2014 when the European Medicines Agency implemented its first series of risk reduction measures; and his views on the recent study published in a journal (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [20329/19]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Health if the healthcare assessment and needs of children suspected of having foetal valproate syndrome will be prioritized; and if there will be no delay in diagnosis and service provision. — Clare Daly. [20330/19]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Health the prevalence of foetal valproate syndrome within the population here. — Clare Daly. [20331/19]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical trials conducted on sodium valproate here prior to its licensing in 1975; and if no clinical trials were conducted, the international clinical trial data used as the basis for its approval. — Clare Daly. [20332/19]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the recruitment of physiotherapists in counties Laois and Offaly; if there is a freeze on recruitment or a freeze on appointing those that have successfully gone through the recruitment process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [20339/19]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be assisted in being assessed for home help. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [20347/19]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 189 of 18 April 2019, if he will amend his response that all protected disclosures received by his Department are given due attention in keeping with the policies and procedures of his Department in accordance with the Act in view of the fact that it has failed to make a decision in regard to whether or not to investigate at least one protected disclosure (details supplied) in its possession within the 21 days as laid out in its policy and procedures. — Clare Daly. [20348/19]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information in relation to maternity units (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [20392/19]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Health if funding has been sanctioned for planned refurbishment and upgrade works at St. Joseph’s and Ramelton community hospital; and if so, when works will commence. — Pearse Doherty. [20409/19]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Health if a MRI scan will be arranged for a person (details supplied); and if the matter will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [20412/19]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Health the date the HSE drugs group will meet to discuss the revised offer submitted by a company (details supplied); the date the HSE leadership team will meet to discuss a final decision on the matter; the reason Ireland signed up to the BeNeLuxA initiative in June 2018 along with the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria; the benefits to Ireland of being in this group of countries; the reason Ireland did not approve the drug spinraza when all of the other countries in the group did; his views on whether the BeNeLuxA initiative is now permanently damaged in view of the reluctance of Ireland to approve spinraza; the reason he deems it inappropriate to meet a person (details supplied); if he will reconsider this invitation and meet the person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20414/19]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are no CAMHS clinics held in Clifden, County Galway; the reason all persons that wish to avail of this service from the area must make a round trip of 200km for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20417/19]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide extra funding to the HSE western region for the provision of full-time residential care for persons with severe intellectual disabilities in view of the shortage of places in the region for such care and the burden being placed on families that require the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20418/19]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet a person (details supplied); the progress made on the case of the person following his meeting with them in County Kilkenny; if the approval of pembro for the person will be expedited without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20419/19]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting for a cataract operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20433/19]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Health if he has sourced extra capacity to deal with the backlog in relation to CervicalCheck; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [20434/19]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Health if he has sourced extra capacity to deal with the backlog in a laboratory (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [20435/19]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time for women waiting on smear test results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [20436/19]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the backlog in relation to CervicalCheck; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [20437/19]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Health when the HPV screening programme that was due to begin in September 2018 will be rolled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [20438/19]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be scheduled for ASD assessment for a child (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [20440/19]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20441/19]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment with the audiology department. — Barry Cowen. [20444/19]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Health when the air ambulance service based in Rathcoole, County Cork will commence operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [20447/19]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for a renal ultrasound scan in Crumlin Children's Hospital. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20448/19]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting for an appointment to the position of healthcare assistant after being interviewed at least a year ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20456/19]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive payment under the nursing home support scheme; the reason for the delay in same; the waiting period from approval to payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [20471/19]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Health if additional respite will be provided to the family of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [20472/19]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Galway can expect to be called for an operation in Merlin Park University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [20473/19]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Health if appropriate measures will be taken to prevent persons that are drunk causing noise and disturbance in emergency departments; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that these persons create difficulties for hospital staff and other patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [20475/19]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Health the admissions figures to Beaumont Hospital emergency department on the weekend of 6 and 7 April 2019; the number of doctors on duty per shift; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that patients in a serious condition requiring surgery were waiting for over 12 hours for an initial consultation by a doctor and that these patients were left waiting in the reception area of the emergency department on hard plastic chairs for 12 hours plus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [20476/19]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Health if he has been requested to meet Rehab over the past 12 months; the dates these requests came in; if a meeting took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [20489/19]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a person (details supplied) will have to wait for an orthopaedic appointment at Croom Hospital in view of the fact they have been waiting four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20498/19]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a person (details supplied) will have to wait for an assessment of needs with the Blackberry Park team in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20499/19]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a person (details supplied) will have to wait for a child psychology appointment with the Blackberry Park team in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20500/19]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 191 of 18 April 2019, when a reply will issue from the HSE. — Bríd Smith. [20514/19]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Health when the last unannounced inspection carried out by HIQA at St. Mary's Hospital Nursing Home, Drogheda took place; the staff patient ratio at the hospital; the mechanisms in place to ensure the implementation of each individual patient care plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [20529/19]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding reimbursement of the drug spinraza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [20539/19]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the review of nursing home prices as per the nursing home support scheme; his plans to publish the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20540/19]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding negotiations concerning the revised general practitioner contract; if negotiations cover the duties of general practitioners to attend to care needs of nursing home residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20542/19]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are no CAMHS clinics held in Clifden, west Connemara, County Galway; the reason all persons that wish to avail of this service from the area have to make a round trip of 200km for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20572/19]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide extra funding to the HSE western region for the provision of full-time residential care for persons with severe intellectual disabilities in view of the shortage of places in the region for such care and the unfair burden being placed on families that require this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20573/19]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Health the speech therapy services available in An Cheathrú Rua, Contae na Gaillimhe to children resident in the south Connemara area at present; his plans to augment these services in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20575/19]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the home help provision of hours for a person (details supplied); if home help will be immediately granted in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20617/19]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the 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. [20637/19]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons aged under 18 years of age awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in each county; the number of these patients waiting longer than 6, 12, 18, 24 and 36 months, respectively for occupational therapy in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20638/19]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons aged over 18 years of age awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in each county; the number of these patients waiting longer than 6, 12, 18, 24 and 36 months, respectively for occupational therapy in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20639/19]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons aged under 18 years of age awaiting speech and language therapy in each county; the number of these patients waiting longer than 6, 12, 18, 24 and 36 months, respectively for speech and language therapy in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20640/19]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons aged under 18 years of age awaiting a CAMHS appointment in each county; the number of these patients waiting longer than 6, 12, 18, 24 and 36 months, respectively for CAMHS in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20641/19]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a new wheelchair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20647/19]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Health when a long term lease will be granted in County Kildare (details supplied). — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20662/19]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by local health area in tabular form. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20663/19]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by local health area in tabular form. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20664/19]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting less than 4 and 4 to 12 months, respectively by local health area in tabular form. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20665/19]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy first time assessment waiting list at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 years of age plus, respectively, in tabular form. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20666/19]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the physiotherapy waiting list; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and more than 65 years of age, respectively by each category in each local healthcare area at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available in tabular form. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20667/19]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on the granting of importation licences for medicinal cannabis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20669/19]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Health the number of counsellors and psychotherapists employed by the HSE nationally and in County Kildare; his plans to increase current levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20671/19]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Health the number of counsellors and psychotherapists employed by the HSE in each of the year 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20672/19]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Kildare approved and awaiting a homecare package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20673/19]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a knee operation for a person (details supplied) in University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20675/19]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting additional home help hours in County Wexford; the national average of the number of persons awaiting home help hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20692/19]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not been granted home help; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20694/19]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Health the actions carried out to bring about diagnosis and treatment facilities for those suffering from Lyme disease here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [20697/19]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Health if treatment for a person (details supplied) will be approved under the treatment abroad scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [20715/19]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for a MRI scan in Cappagh Hospital. — Mary Lou McDonald. [20716/19]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Health if additional home help hours will be allocated to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [20718/19]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Health the next start date of the DBT programme at a hospital; if a person (details supplied) is on the shortlist to be included on that programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [20723/19]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20727/19]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Health when an appeal regarding the blind welfare allowance will be decided upon for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [20732/19]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect surgery in the UL Hospital Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [20734/19]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which agency staff nurses in the HSE hospitals are encompassed into the overall governance of the nursing wards; if it is similar to HSE nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [20739/19]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Health if concerns in relation to RehabCare's service in County Kerry will be addressed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20740/19]



\*348. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the RehabCare crisis; if his attention has been drawn to the fears and anxieties of service users and their families following the announcement on 7 May 2019 of a possible cessation of services locally in 12 months; if an urgent resolution to this matter will be found; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20741/19]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Health the action he is taking to fast track the publication of the national biosimilar policy in order to increase the use of biosimilar drugs in order that better value for money is achieved in the purchase of medicines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [20753/19]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Health the action he is taking to develop a national supply and pricing agreement for pharmaceutical products that creates a level playing field for all pharmaceutical companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [20754/19]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that the pricing and reimbursement system of the HSE prioritises use of the most cost effective medicines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [20755/19]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand and overhaul the high-tech medicines scheme of the HSE in order to allow for more medicines to be on the list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [20756/19]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Health further to Topical Issue No. 4 of 28 March 2019, the cost of the new diabetic day unit at Sligo University Hospital; the amount allocated from the capital budget; and the amount allocated in 2019 for this unit which is to be operational by 2020. — Martin Kenny. [20761/19]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Health when an assessment of need will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [20762/19]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment for surgery will be accommodated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20764/19]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Health if and when results awaited for a smear test will be issued in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20768/19]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Health the progress being made to arrange an early assessment and operation at WUH for a person (details supplied); if an immediate assessment will be arranged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20771/19]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); if an urgent appointment will be scheduled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20773/19]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the ministerial licences for medicinal cannabis granted that have been reimbursed for the cost of the medication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [20846/19]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Health if all agency staff in the position of both nursing and care assistants are Garda vetted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [20850/19]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Health the number and title of all reports, investigations and or reviews commissioned since 1 January 2005 by the HSE and or his Department that remain uncompleted and or unpublished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20859/19]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on ongoing talks with a group (details supplied); the issues being discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [20863/19]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to an autism therapist for Inishowen, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [20864/19]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is such a long delay for applications to be decided upon for home help in counties Sligo and Leitrim; the funding allocated for home help in the counties in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; if additional funding will be provided for the provision of home help to sick and elderly persons in the counties for the remaining months in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [20899/19]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Health the average time for the release of results to patients under the various screening programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20922/19]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Health the policy for the release of results to patients under the national diabetic retina screen programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20923/19]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE provided physiotherapy services in Connemara, County Galway; the locations at which this service is provided; the frequency with which physiotherapists attend at each centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20924/19]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to fund a registry of persons suffering from fibromyalgia in order that it is possible to ascertain the number of persons suffering from this condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20925/19]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend cover under the long term illness scheme for drugs related to the treatment of fibromyalgia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20926/19]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the long term illness scheme to include cover for those over 21 years of age that suffer from type 1 diabetes for the use of the FreeStyle Libre device for blood monitoring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20927/19]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that funding which has been recommended and approved to the CHO DNCC disability resource committee is released as a matter of urgency

in the interests of the health and well-being of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [20928/19]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Health the costs incurred by his Department in respect of advertising in all forms to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21123/19]

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

\*373. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person (details supplied) is not on the approved list for the TAMS scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20326/19]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [20337/19]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the full details of the aid package for beef farmers he has proposed to the European Commission to cover the retrospective Brexit beef price losses which stand in excess of €100 million; the precise details on the amount of aid in euro he has sought from both the EU and the Exchequer; the time period covered; the number of beef producers involved; the amount of aid per head for steers, heifers, young bulls and cows; the way in which he plans to award this aid to farmers; if it will be in the form of a direct payment to farmers based on the number of cattle they have sold; and when he expects farmers will receive payment. — Charlie McConalogue. [20362/19]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of non-EU maize in euro and volume imported here annually over the 2016 to 2018 period; and if his attention has been drawn to the negative impact this has on the income of tillage growers here that are left with stores full of barley due to the importation of feed. — Charlie McConalogue. [20363/19]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons participating in schemes (details supplied) that have received an advanced 2018 payment, by county in tabular form; the number of persons that have passed all payment approval checks and are awaiting their 2018 advanced payment; the number still to receive their advanced payment; the number of persons participating in the schemes that have received a balancing 2018 payment by county; the number of persons that have passed all payment approval checks and are awaiting their 2018 balancing payment; the number still to receive their balancing payment; the amount in 2018 advanced and balancing payments that still have to be paid out by scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [20364/19]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of the €1 billion loan scheme for young farmers that will be ring-fenced for Irish young farmers; the lending rates that will apply; the minimum loan amount; the financial institutions that will provide the fund here; and when it will open for applications. — Charlie McConalogue. [20365/19]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers nationally referred to as the forgotten farmers (details supplied) by county in tabular form; and the estimated full year cost of increasing the value of entitlements to the national average for these farmers. — Charlie McConalogue. [20366/19]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding avenues available to accommodate the forgotten farmers under the specific disadvantage category of the national reserve and the approval of the EU Commission; and if he has made such a request to the EU Commission. — Charlie McConalogue. [20367/19]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is technically possible to accommodate the forgotten farmers group under the specific disadvantage category of the national reserve by using unused funds from pillar 1 and 2 to finance; and if it is possible under the CAP to transfer funds from pillar 1 to 2 and vice versa to fund such initiatives. — Charlie McConalogue. [20368/19]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he and his other EU ministerial counterparts are seeking increased funding flexibilities in order to accommodate forgotten farmers (details supplied) under the specific disadvantage category of the national reserve; if the proposed capping of BPS payments is agreed if proceeds from such capping would be permitted to fund forgotten farmers into the national reserve; and if this avenue has been confirmed with the EU Commission by him. — Charlie McConalogue. [20369/19]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent on the veterinary public health inspection service on an annual basis; the way in which this changed in the past three years; if the service received a boost in funding for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [20424/19]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the category of the ANC the lands of a person (details supplied) are under. — Tom Neville. [20445/19]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an application by a person (details supplied) has been lost; if they can resubmit their application in the interests of fairness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [20512/19]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost in a full year if five additional full-time senior superintending veterinary inspectors and 20 additional superintending veterinary inspectors were recruited. — Clare Daly. [20691/19]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a penalty was imposed on a person (details supplied) under the BPS and ANC 2018 schemes; the position regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [20875/19]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the recent video showing cruelty to young calves exported taking place in Cherbourg, France; and the steps he plans to take to prevent this occurring again. — Eugene Murphy. [20930/19]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the costs incurred by his Department in respect of advertising in all forms to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21116/19]

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

\*390. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if coal mining was discussed at a recent EU Council meeting. — Micheál Martin. [20561/19]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the regulations regarding the sale of smoky coal in smaller towns and villages in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [20375/19]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason a property (details supplied) cannot avail of broadband while the neighbouring property can. — Robert Troy. [20407/19]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the cost including VAT of a report (details supplied). — Jonathan O'Brien. [20465/19]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the cost including VAT of a report (details supplied). — Jonathan O'Brien. [20466/19]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the cost including VAT of a report (details supplied). — Jonathan O'Brien. [20467/19]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the cost including VAT of a report (details supplied). — Jonathan O'Brien. [20468/19]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the cost including VAT of a report (details supplied). — Jonathan O'Brien. [20469/19]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding provided to each local authority to tackle illegal dumping for 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [20505/19]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of fibre in Lacken, Multyfarnham County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [20506/19]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding planned to be spent each year for the next 25 years in relation to the National Broadband Plan by capital and current expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20626/19]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the ownership of the national broadband network will not be owned by the State after 25 years; if the cost of buying back the network at the end of the 25 years has been factored into the calculations for the cost of the National Broadband Plan; the expected cost in the event that the State wishes to buyback the network once the contract expires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20630/19]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the duration of the contract for the National Broadband Plan is intended to be 25 years; to outline the potential cost to the Exchequer after the contract expires; if there will be terms and conditions in the contract that will apply after the 25 years that will restrict the cost to the State; if after the duration of 25 years another contract will need to be negotiated in order to use the network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20631/19]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which the State will subsidise new premises over the life of the contract for the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20642/19]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to ensure a property (details supplied) is supplied with fibre broadband through the State supported roll out by Eir. — Robert Troy. [20643/19]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when broadband will be supplied to an area (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [20650/19]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the roll out of broadband in south County Kildare; and the progress of the National Broadband Plan. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20670/19]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the capital cost of the National Broadband Plan for each year of the 25 years of operation; the funds allocated for the plan to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [20676/19]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if broadband will be extended to a property (details supplied) under the State led intervention under the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20698/19]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of efibre broadband with specific regard to a location (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [20728/19]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of efibre broadband with specific regard to a location (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [20729/19]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of efibre broadband with specific regard to a location (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [20730/19]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of efibre broadband with specific regard to a location (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [20731/19]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the cost of a report (details supplied) including VAT and expenses. — Jonathan O'Brien. [20742/19]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when high speed broadband access will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20766/19]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when high speed broadband access will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20767/19]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if and when high speed broadband access will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20769/19]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the National Broadband Plan will be on or off-balance sheet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20797/19]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the amount of private equity which will be provided to the National Broadband Plan; if his attention has been further drawn to the amount of private debt which will be provided to the National Broadband Plan; his views on whether it is likely these figures will change up to when the contract is signed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20799/19]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on his announcement of the National Broadband Plan on 7 May 2019. — Micheál Martin. [20563/19]

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

\*420. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if research has been carried out into improved lower carbon emissions which would result from lower speed limits on roads here; if data is available on the issue in other EU jurisdictions, the United States of America, Canada and Australia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [20389/19]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of scheduled services that use private contractors on each route of the Bus Éireann network. — Robert Troy. [21062/19]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of scheduled services on each route on the Bus Éireann network. — Robert Troy. [21063/19]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason a service (details supplied) which ran from Swords to Portrane between 1pm and 4pm has been cancelled; when the service will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20344/19]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if moneys were paid by the State or an agency on behalf of the State in respect of a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [20376/19]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if consideration has been given to differentiating between minor faults and major faults in the taxi suitability test such as with the NCT in circumstances in which a minor fault such as a blown bulb would not require a full retest and associated charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [20377/19]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress of the electrification project of the northern commuter line to extend DART services to Donabate, Rush and Lusk, Skerries and Balbriggan; the work completed on the project to date; the way in which the progression of the project relates to the introduction of hybrid vehicles; the status of the completion dates for each stage of the DART extension project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [20387/19]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if research has been carried out into improved road safety outcomes which would result from lower speed limits on roads here; if

data is available on the issue in other EU jurisdictions, the United States of America, Canada and Australia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [20388/19]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has received the Road Safety Authority report on electric scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [20458/19]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide the report he recently commissioned from the Road Safety Authority on electric scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [20459/19]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on recent confiscations of electric scooters; his plans to legislate to resolve this anomaly within the law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [20460/19]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter regarding weight restrictive road signage (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20483/19]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Irish Rail will launch a new confidential text message scheme for members of public to report anti-social behaviour on the rail network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [20527/19]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of complaints received by the National Transport Authority in relation to decisions made by transport coordination unit managers in each of the years 2015 to 2018, by transport coordination unit; the number of such complaints upheld by transport coordination unit; the financial cost of settlement of such complaints by transport coordination unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [20587/19]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of scheduled services that use private contractors on each route of the Bus Éireann network. — Robert Troy. [20719/19]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of scheduled services on each route on the Bus Éireann network. — Robert Troy. [20720/19]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans or the plans of bodies under his aegis to improve the local bus service in Kilcock, County Kildare with particular reference to the fact that a number of local residents have noted its unreliability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20765/19]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a sports capital application by a school (details supplied); the timeframe for the announcement of these grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20774/19]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when construction works on the new national velodrome and badminton centre will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20810/19]



\*439. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the need to urgently improve and expand a bus service (details supplied) in County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20871/19]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the need to provide much greater railway carriage capacity on the northern commuter line service; if urgent steps will be taken to provide additional train carriages in view of the fact that many trains are at capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20872/19]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the N5 bypass Ballaghaderreen to Scramogue Cross will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [20931/19]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the costs incurred by his Department in respect of advertising in all forms to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21128/19]

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

\*443. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if funding is available for a childcare facility (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [20395/19]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the details of the initiative to reduce the waiting times for counselling for victims of domestic violence further to her statement on 25 April 2019 (details supplied); the funding allocated; the persons or bodies it has been allocated to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20404/19]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the provision of childcare facilities at a location (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [20652/19]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the protocol regarding religion in the case of children that are fostered and if the religion of the parent or parents of the child will be respected in all circumstances in view of reports that fostered children are being prepared for Holy Communion and or Confirmation against the wishes of their parents. — Clare Daly. [20681/19]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will reconsider the eligibility of children whose parents are not in education, training or employment to participate in the affordable childcare scheme during the school term. — Gerry Adams. [20700/19]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will consider referrals to the affordable childcare scheme from other educational practitioners in cases of vulnerable children in which Tusla is not involved. — Gerry Adams. [20701/19]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the deprivation score for an area (details supplied) is -20.2 according to the 2016 Census; and the additional supports she plans to provide for children in this area. — Gerry Adams. [20702/19]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the new parental online application form for the affordable childcare scheme will cause

difficulties for some parents that may not be used to filling in forms online; and the measures she has put in place to mitigate same. — Gerry Adams. [20703/19]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the parental application system to the affordable childcare scheme will cause uncertainty in the childcare sector due to the fact that providers will not know in advance the value of their annual subvention; if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that uncertainty will be caused by the fact that funding will now be allocated on an hourly rather than sessional basis; and the steps she will take to ensure the continued viability of childcare facilities. — Gerry Adams. [20704/19]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if it is common practice for young boys and girls to be housed in small residential care houses of three or four beds together; if so, the safeguards put in place to protect them; and the number of such houses here. — Clare Daly. [20775/19]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if Tusla keeps a record of the number of teenage pregnancies that occur in girls that are in residential care; and if so, the number per year since 2011. — Clare Daly. [20776/19]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the protocols in place when a girl in residential care becomes pregnant. — Clare Daly. [20777/19]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the costs incurred by her Department in respect of advertising in all forms to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21118/19]

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

\*456. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if grants are available for a business (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [20394/19]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an initiative (details supplied) will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20338/19]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the option under consideration regarding underfunded volunteer centres in County Monaghan (details supplied); when a decision will be reached on same; if the necessary funding will be granted; if his attention has been drawn to the concern this uncertainty is causing locally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20340/19]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason LAGs that are currently delivering the Leader programme and are not LCDCs, such as in Galway, were not invited to be part of the stakeholder consultation on the next phase of rural development taking place as per invitation issued to the chief executives of the local authorities on 18 April 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20576/19]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the costs incurred by his Department in respect of advertising in all forms to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21126/19]

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

\*461. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a payment ceased for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20309/19]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when arrears will issue in relation to a disability allowance claim by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [20325/19]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to extend the free travel pass to persons that are the recipient of the care provided by another person in receipt of carer’s benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [20354/19]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will see a change to their pension payment in view of new rules; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [20371/19]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason illness benefit was ceased in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [20373/19]

\*466. 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. [20384/19]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the social welfare appeals office will release details of the test cases that it uses in relation to the determination of bogus self-employment; if it will release the legal advice in relation to the use of test cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [20390/19]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for carer’s benefit by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20405/19]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a review in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20406/19]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [20408/19]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an invalidity pension will be approved for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [20410/19]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if priority consideration will be given to a carer’s benefit application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20421/19]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal in the case of a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20422/19]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive payment and be issued with arrears in respect of carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [20449/19]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to change the rules with regard to the payment of child benefit to separated parents by which both parents can claim an equal portion of child benefit (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [20478/19]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a weekly reduction is being taken from a weekly social welfare payment in the case of a person (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [20482/19]

\*477. 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. — Niamh Smyth. [20484/19]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a matter will be addressed in relation to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20490/19]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20502/19]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding the State pension (contributory) payment a person (details supplied) is entitled to; the way in which it is calculated; the status of the appeal by the person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [20504/19]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the waiting times for all social welfare payments as of 3 May 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [20526/19]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a matter regarding community employment supervisors will be investigated (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20651/19]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated amount that would be generated if the higher rate of 10.75% PRSI was increased to 15% on the portion in which persons are earning in excess of €100,000. — Clare Daly. [20688/19]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carers allowance review for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20693/19]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to update the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20805/19]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application for disability allowance and or disability benefit was received from a person (details supplied) in March 2019; if so, when the application will be processed; when a decision will be made on the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20873/19]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if priority consideration will be given to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20900/19]

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

\*488. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of significant wildfires that have occurred in forested areas since 1 January 2018; his plans to undertake a damage assessment of each of these wildfires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [20633/19]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the funding announced in November 2018 for a project (details supplied) in County Cork under the urban regeneration and development fund will remain available; the length of time the funding will be available for; the steps taken to advance the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [20333/19]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position in respect of the interest rate on local authority mortgages; if existing local authority mortgage holders can avail of the lower rates available under the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [20335/19]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 572 of 16 April 2019, if the areas (details supplied) will not be included in a rent pressure zone. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20451/19]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 572 of 16 April 2019, the processes that will exist for ensuring that electoral areas which have recently been redrawn potentially affecting the calculation of average rents and average rent increases can be included in rent pressure zones. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20452/19]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a person that is separated from their spouse and part owner of the family home can be considered for the housing assistance payment or council housing waiting lists while they are trying to resolve the situation with their family home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [20477/19]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address a matter regarding Rebuilding Ireland funding (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20479/19]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the date the non-principal private residence charge was introduced; the effective date for the charge for each year; the amounts now payable in respect of each year while the charge was in existence in circumstances in which persons have not paid such a charge to date; the amount now due by an individual in such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [20511/19]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of significant wildfires that have occurred in local authority areas since 1 January 2018; his plans to undertake a damage assessment of each of these wildfires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [20634/19]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to sign the order to release the national taking in charge scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20635/19]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there are impediments preventing him from signing the order to release the national taking in charge scheme; the steps he plans to take to relieve those impediments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20636/19]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to amend the Roads Act 1993 in view of the review report on severe weather events recommendations by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [20655/19]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the Government Task Force on Emergency Planning has completed consideration of the review report on severe weather events in 2017 and 2018; if a requirement has been made to ensure that appropriate protection and management of trees and hedgerows on both public and private roads will be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [20656/19]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when funding will be released in relation to housing adaptation grants and housing aid for older people to Limerick City and County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [20659/19]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average length of time applications for housing and mobility grants are waiting in County Donegal; the number of persons granted housing and mobility grants for each year since 2016; the amount spent by Donegal County Council by year; the number of persons that were turned down applications for each of those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [20696/19]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address the issue of trees and public safety in view of the review report on severe weather events recommendations; if he will require all local authorities to appoint a qualified arborist or tree officer to provide professional advice to local authorities and private landowners to assist with the risk management of trees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [20706/19]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if points made in correspondence (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [20737/19]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the annual cost of the Lord Mayor of Cork, including salary, office, assistant staff, driver and pensions; the difference between the current cost and the expected annual cost under the proposal for a directly elected Lord Mayor of Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [20751/19]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to roll out a more sustained programme of cost rental properties through AHBs beyond the existing cost rental pilots being rolled out by AHBs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [20757/19]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the actions he is taking to have tier 3 AHBs reclassified as off-balance sheet; the timeline for this reclassification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [20758/19]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will amend the requirement by which there must be a household income other than from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection in order for a tenant to qualify for the tenant purchase scheme; if a person in receipt of carer's allowance or carer's benefit can qualify if they satisfy other criteria in view of the fact that persons that have to care full-time for a relative cannot accept employment at the same time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [20858/19]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding committed to the new scheme in view of the review of taking-in-charge initiative measure 2 report published in December 2018; and if he will now open the new scheme and invite local authorities to make applications. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20865/19]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position regarding a foreshore licence for a proposal (details supplied) in County Dublin; if there will be an opportunity for public and community consultation in this process; if the highly environmentally sensitive nature of the proposed location will be taken into account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20866/19]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if consideration will be given to establishing a high level interdepartmental taskforce working with local authorities to drive strategic policy in relation to coastal erosion and flooding with a view to putting a national policy framework in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20867/19]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the costs incurred by his Department in respect of advertising in all forms to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21124/19]

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

\*513. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question No. 23 of 10 April 2019, the breakdown of sponsorship raised by Galway 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20432/19]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the capital funding a theatre (details supplied) is being considered for; and if the 2016 €250,000 is the only committed capital at this point. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20450/19]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will address a matter regarding a unit (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20513/19]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if it is policy that artists that engage with bodies funded in part or whole with public funds should be paid for their work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20517/19]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the oversight arrangements in place within her Department to ensure that artists are paid by bodies in receipt of public funds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20518/19]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will publish the interim report she received with regard to the archaeological find at a site (details supplied). — John Lahart. [20579/19]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the rationale for her comments in Dáil Éireann with regard to the archaeological finds at a site (details supplied) in the context of the report compiled by the archaeologist of the developer which appears to differ from her statements with regard to the significance of the finds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [20580/19]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her Department has had contact from South Dublin County Council with regard to the recent planning application for permission to clear land and carry out enabling works on a site (details supplied) in view of recent archaeological finds on the same lands. — John Lahart. [20611/19]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of significant wildfires that have occurred in national parks since 1 January 2018; her plans to undertake a damage assessment of each of these wildfires; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [20632/19]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views with regard to the recent planning application pertaining to lands (details supplied) from an archaeological preservation point of view; if she is satisfied that a full-scale planning application that would essentially result in the lands in which archaeological finds have been recently made being covered in its entirety by residential development is being actively considered by the local authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [20725/19]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the estimated full year cost of recruiting 16 extra ecologists for the National Parks and Wildlife Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20808/19]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the legislation in place to protect wildlife habitats with particular reference to tree felling; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [20847/19]



\*525. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the costs incurred by her Department in respect of advertising in all forms to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21119/19]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADAONIN, 15 BEALTAINÉ, 2019  
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY, 2019**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken to reduce the long waiting times for a first assessment for occupational therapy in counties Laois and Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20912/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons with disabilities in County Meath seeking post-school placements at the end of the academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [20917/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the progression of plans for new endoscopy and mental health units at Naas General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [20880/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which homecare packages are being made available to patients that might otherwise need hospitalisation; the number to date approved in each of the regions; the extent of the funding given, required and or pending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20879/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Health the implications for the National Screening Service of the recent High Court judgement in a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [20743/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand the model of care homes unique to the south-east which provides residential accommodation for adults that require minimal assistance of a low to medium dependency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [20800/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he can address the immediate funding requirements of drug and alcohol task forces; if his attention has been drawn to the valuable contribution these task forces make particularly in areas of disadvantage; and the way in which he will continue to support them. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [20853/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Health if a number of senior staff members in Roscommon Community Mental Health Services have transferred out of the county to County Galway; the reason for these positions being vacated; his plans for the replacement of these positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [20493/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the options appraisal for the model four hospitals in Galway; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20832/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Health the overall number of persons waiting for home help services by county; and the average and longest wait. — Peadar Tóibín. [20920/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the significant overcrowding in the emergency department in Mayo University Hospital during April 2019. — Lisa Chambers. [20822/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on his discussions with Rehab; the funding it requires to continue providing services on behalf of the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [20814/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the issue in relation to the lack of dedicated Parkinson's disease nurses provided by the HSE for the 12,000 patients with this disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [20801/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Health if the future of the 24 hour emergency department in Navan Hospital will be guaranteed. — Peadar Tóibín. [20921/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the significant overcrowding in the emergency department in Tallaght University Hospital during April 2019. — John Lahart. [20819/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Health the physiotherapy services in Connemara; when a physiotherapist will be appointed in the Connemara region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20830/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the long delays in the delivery of a primary healthcare centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [20646/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider publishing a redacted version of the contract for the national children's hospital in the interest of transparency and accountability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [20887/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Health the measures which will be taken to reduce waiting times for children awaiting assessment by early intervention teams in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [20747/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the delivery of the new radiation oncology unit in University Hospital Galway; the number of vacancies in oncology at the hospital; the number of persons on the waiting list for oncology services at the hospital; the length of time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20833/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he is satisfied that issues affecting long waiting lists in public hospitals, overcrowding at accident and emergency services and other contributory factors affecting the fast, efficient and effective delivery of public health services are fully addressed or are in the course of so being; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20878/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Health if he will extend the newborn screening test pilot scheme for detecting metachromatic leukodystrophy and severe combined immunodeficiency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [20904/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ease the record overcrowding in University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [20491/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the wait that families of children with SMA have been facing while the approval of spinraza has yet to be resolved; if he will intervene on behalf of children such as a child (details supplied); if he will deliver a positive outcome for all children with SMA and their families by announcing the approval of spinraza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [20497/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to improve ambulance services in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [20910/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Health the funding being provided in 2019 for decongregation in disability services in Kilkenny city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20909/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to deal with the ongoing respite crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20712/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a project (details supplied) that is providing a valuable service for those in addiction. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [20854/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the future of the CervicalCheck screening programme and other screening programmes in view of the High Court judgement for screeners to have absolute confidence in their finding before giving the all-clear when reading a test slide even though every screening test has an intrinsic error rate. — Louise O'Reilly. [20834/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the significant overcrowding in the emergency department in University Hospital Galway during April 2019. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20823/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the number of home support hours available for older persons in north Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [20906/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Health the date for the commencement of the cannabis access programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [20843/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Health if health service recruitment in CHO 2 is being curtailed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [20816/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the significant overcrowding in the emergency department in University Hospital Limerick during April 2019. — Niall Collins. [20826/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the plans for a private clinic as part of the national children's hospital; if the funding of this clinic is included in the latest budget for the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20881/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug ocrelizumab will be available for persons with multiple sclerosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [20812/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the protracted engagement between representatives of the Health Service Executive and a company (details supplied); if the most recent offer from the company presents an acceptable package to allow for approval to issue for reimbursement of spinraza; his views on whether a further delay in reaching an agreement would be unacceptable to a caring child healthcare conscious society; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [20857/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the future of trauma care here; the position regarding the decision for level 1 trauma centres for Cork and Dublin; and when a decision on the location for Dublin will be made. — Louise O'Reilly. [20836/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Health if each CHO has enough funding to provide the home and respite care packages necessary for all those in need nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20884/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Health the action he is taking in relation to the ongoing industrial dispute in the ambulance service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [20745/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be provided to allow for the development of an extra procedure room in endoscopy at University Hospital Galway; the number of persons and duration by month on the waiting list for GI endoscopy, oesophago-gastro-duodenoscopy and colonoscopy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20831/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the place of Ireland on the European Health Consumer Index 2018; his further views on this ranking of the health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [20495/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that funding is made available to a facility (details supplied) in order that it can continue providing care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20885/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Health if additional demands have been made by his Department in respect of budget overruns to date in 2019 and the anticipated overruns up to 31 December 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [18023/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to deal with the ongoing crisis in relation to the provision of home help hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20713/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the proposed developments at St. Patrick's Hospital, Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim. — Marc MacSharry. [20877/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the proposed developments at Sheil Community Hospital, Ballyshannon, County Donegal. — Marc MacSharry. [20876/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the delays for children on waiting lists for assessments and services with the South Kildare NDT; the steps being taken

to reduce these waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [20903/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that the level of midwifery staffing in many maternity units remains below the Birthrate Plus recommendations and in some cases well below same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20840/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Health if resources will be made available to ensure home support services can meet demand and reduce waiting lists. — Louise O'Reilly. [20838/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that the budget for disability services in CHO 9 is allocated without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [20907/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Health the projects included in the 2019 health service capital plan; and if the plan is not finalised, his views on whether it is acceptable that five months into 2019 there is still no clarity with regard to capital projects being funded in 2019. — Louise O'Reilly. [20837/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of a primary care centre in Arklow, County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [20905/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of modular theatres at Merlin Park Hospital, Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20829/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Health his long-term plans for a number of community hospitals in County Donegal including the community hospitals in Lifford, Ramelton and St. Joseph's Hospital, Stranorlar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [20918/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that the process for allocating homecare packages and respite care is fit for purpose and provides the care needed to the most vulnerable persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20883/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the significant overcrowding in the emergency department in Naas General Hospital during 2019. — James Lawless. [20827/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the rate of induction of first-time mothers here is too high; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20839/19]

59. To ask the Minister for Health the governance structure changes he expects to make with regard to the national children's hospital board with regard to the overall oversight of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [20886/19]

60. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the review of the long term illness scheme; his views on whether the scheme needs to be more inclusive of other disease areas in addition to the current 16 specified long-term illness medical conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [20496/19]

61. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there has been a lack of progress in rolling out the National Maternity Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [20746/19]

62. To ask the Minister for Health the capital investment that will be provided in order to ensure long stay beds numbers will continue to be maintained at hospitals (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [20919/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Health the status of changes to the fair deal scheme in relation to farming families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [20818/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Health when the legislation for exclusion zones is expected to be ready in order to protect women from harassment, deception and coercion with the aim of obstructing healthcare. — Louise O'Reilly. [20835/19]

65. To ask the Minister for Health the action he has taken to address the overcrowding situation in University Hospital Limerick further to correspondence he received from seven County Limerick and mid-west TDs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20845/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to provide spinraza for children with spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [20645/19]

67. To ask the Minister for Health when a biosimilars policy will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [20811/19]

68. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children presenting at emergency departments nationwide with self-harm injuries, suicide attempts and or overdoses in each of the years 2014 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20855/19]

69. To ask the Minister for Health if the delays being experienced in the delivery of homecare packages in the CHO7 areas in counties Kildare and Wicklow will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20842/19]

70. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the future of Kilcreene Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20908/19]

71. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reduce the level of respiratory illness affecting Irish persons; the policies he is pursuing to this effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [20492/19]

72. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for the co-location of a private clinic at the national children's hospital in view of the fact that space at this site is at a premium; the cost of this part of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20882/19]

73. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the assessment unit in Naas General Hospital accident and emergency department is closed; and his plans to reopen the service. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20841/19]

74. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the list for those waiting more than a year and a half for an outpatient appointment increased from circa 13,000 three years ago to over 100,000 in March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [20744/19]

75. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact further to the announcement of the HSE recruitment embargo persons were that in the recruitment process and that had consequently officially notified their employers are now unemployed as a result and will have to rely on payments from the Department of Employment and Social Protection. — Eugene Murphy. [20658/19]