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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

1. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether Ireland has a severe shortage of hospital consultants; his further views on whether a major reason for same is new entrant pay disparity; his plans to rectify same; the number of consultants employed at post-2012 pay rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [21143/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there has been a persistence with a recruitment embargo in the midst of a recruitment and retention crisis in the health service; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons that were offered jobs are now being told that the positions are no longer available. — Louise O'Reilly. [20932/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Health the action he will take to address issues in the voluntary and non-profit sector which have been brought into focus by the difficulties currently being experienced by Rehab; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [21142/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Health if the necessary staff have been recruited to ensure that the paediatric OPD and urgent care centre at Connolly Hospital can be operational 8 to 12, seven days a week as was previously committed. — Louise O'Reilly. [20933/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the deficit in funding for section 38 and 39 disability organisations; if an organisation (details supplied) is the only organisation that has informed him of difficulties in funding and service provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21004/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

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

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*81. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the position regarding legal advice provided to his Department regarding State assurances for Civil Defence; when his Department received this legal advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21002/19]

*82. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the way in which he plans to ensure that the licence renewal for the Civil Defence will be facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21003/19]

*83. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will reinstate the 10% UN overseas mission allowance previously awarded to Defence Forces personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [21013/19]

*84. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Defence Forces personnel have located the recommendations for military honours made by a person (details supplied) for their subordinates at Jadotville; and if he will commence a review of all recommendations for military awards from 1958 to date in order that the men of Jadotville and all others with outstanding medal recommendations now receive the medals to which they are entitled. — Clare Daly. [21034/19]

*85. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the action he is taking to address the low levels of pay in the Defence Forces. — Róisín Shortall. [21112/19]

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

*86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to new proposals from the British Government in relation to customs checks on trade between Ireland and Britain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21021/19]

*87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of the memorandum of understanding signed with the United Kingdom relating to Brexit to include all citizens rights and reciprocal arrangements contained within; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [21044/19]

*88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has explored other options to protect citizens' rights and reciprocal arrangements between Ireland and the United Kingdom other than the memorandum of understanding signed with the United Kingdom. — Lisa Chambers. [21046/19]

*89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has explored the possibility of an international treaty on mutual rights between Ireland and the United Kingdom; and his views on same. — Lisa Chambers. [21047/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to an anomaly causing discrimination to public service pensioners by which public service pensioners pay USC on their pension payments whereas social protection pension payments are not subject to USC; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that those in receipt of social protection pensions are able to earn an additional €13,000 in occupational pension payments bringing their total above many public service pensions and still not be liable to USC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [20996/19]

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to commission an up to date review similar to the Coffey Report on the sustainability of the corporate tax receipts in view of the most recent data on corporation tax released by the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21001/19]

*92. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding enabling the credit unions to provide affordable mortgages especially for young first-time buyers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21018/19]

*93. To ask the Minister for Finance the action he is taking to address the high level of public liability insurance faced by business and community groups; and the way in which he plans to improve competition in the market. — Róisín Shortall. [21113/19]

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

*94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of clerical and executive officers, respectively granted transfers under the Civil Service mobility and PO mobility schemes since it commenced in September 2018; the number still on the waiting list for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21030/19]

*95. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of principal officer posts granted transfers under the Civil Service mobility and PO mobility schemes since it commenced in September 2018; the number still on the waiting list for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21031/19]

*96. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which he will provide for the extra €1.5 billion needed over the course of the National Development Plan on the National Broadband Plan. — Barry Cowen. [21099/19]

*97. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 54 of 9 May 2019, if he will provide the same tables for each Ministerial vote; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [21135/19]

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

*98. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if prefabs will not be needed for a school (details supplied) and the structural defects amended before the start of the new school year in September 2019. — Louise O'Reilly. [20970/19]

*99. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will reinstate a school transport service (details supplied) in County Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [20947/19]

*100. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the supports available to a school planning to refurbish outdoor play areas on the school grounds to incorporate play equipment in the interests of promoting physical activity within the school community. — Dara Calleary. [20948/19]

*101. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will review the allocation of special educational needs teachers to a school (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [20950/19]

*102. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cohort the July provision is aimed at; the rules of the provision; the number of teachers that have applied; the number refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [20959/19]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the engagement that has taken place and the status of the proposed site for a school (details supplied) in order that it can relocate from its existing temporary site to the new school; when the site for the new school will be identified and allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [20964/19]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of non-EU students that have enrolled in higher education here over the past five years. — Kathleen Funchion. [20988/19]

*105. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of students that qualify for the free fees initiative based on the latest student numbers available. — Kathleen Funchion. [20989/19]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of a reduction of €500 to the student contribution charge based on the most recent figures available. — Kathleen Funchion. [20990/19]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which Ireland compares to other OECD countries in relation to student fees. — Kathleen Funchion. [20991/19]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an exam number will be granted for a person (details supplied) who has been denied a number due to technical breakdown. — Sean Sherlock. [20997/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress on securing a permanent site for a school (details supplied). — Ruth Coppinger. [21005/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has had discussions with the developer in the area in relation to the current lease on the land a school (details supplied) is on, in view of the concern of parents and the local community on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [21006/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will report on the delivery of school provision in the Meakstown, Charlestown and Lanesborough area in Fingal, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [21007/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the sections of the Education (Admissions to School) Act 2018 obliging religious schools to develop meaningful opt out policies are expected to be implemented; and the steps he is taking to ensure that this is in place in time for the 2019/2020 school year. — Clare Daly. [21011/19]

*113. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 234 of 9 April 2019, his plans to address the health and safety issues at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [21014/19]

*114. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a new second-level school for Kinnegad, County Westmeath; and the timeframe for delivery of same. — Robert Troy. [21064/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the research and analysis carried out regarding proposals to establish a second-level school in Kinnegad, County Westmeath since 2004 (details supplied); and the basis on which decisions not to proceed have been made. — Robert Troy. [21065/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a special needs school will be considered for an area (details supplied). — Fiona O’Loughlin. [21070/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if more ASD units will be allocated for County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [21071/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an existing school transport service will be extended to serve a route (details supplied) previously served by its own bus in order to provide transport to a number of national school children including a child with special needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [21076/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeline for the delivery of a new permanent school building for a school (details supplied); when the new school building will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [21101/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress of a school building project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [21134/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for the accommodation of a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21167/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the formal review has been completed in relation to the whole school evaluation management, leadership, learning report carried out on a school (details supplied); if he will publish the decision of the chief inspector; when the findings of the report will be published on the website of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21171/19]

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

*123. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding a matter in relation to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [20956/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of applications for citizenship being processed; the number of active applications being processed for more than one, two, three and five years, respectively; the average waiting time per application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [20979/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if, and the length of time a passport is retained after a person is given a refugee or subsidiary protection declaration in relation to applicants for international protection that have submitted their national passport to the International Protection Office; and if they are entitled to the return of their national passport should their declaration subsequently cease to be in force. — Kathleen Funchion. [20994/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if payouts for prison officers through the criminal injuries compensation scheme are funded through Vote 21 – Prisons or Vote 24 – Justice. — Clare Daly. [21043/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the mental health and substance abuse supports in the Dochas women’s prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21054/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if parents granted long stay visas are entitled to receive a stamp 4 visa on arrival as is specified in a Department and policy document, rather than a stamp 3 which has been the case for certain couples; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [21057/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the Garda insurance fraud unit will be operational; the remit of the unit; the resources allocated to same; his views on whether this unit is long overdue in view of the number of high profile cases recently in relation to insurance fraud; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [21058/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the average length of time for visa applications and change in status applications; and if he is satisfied there is adequate staff in place to deal with same. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [21059/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce a waiver or reduction in fees for naturalisation in cases of long-term residents here (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [21060/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce a waiver or reduction in fees for naturalisation in cases of pensioners (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [21061/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application for CCTV in an area (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [21068/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position in relation to an application for leave to remain by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [21139/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an application by a person (details supplied) to remain here as a spouse of an Irish national will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [21141/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress in tendering for new Garda stations in County Cork in 2019; the locations of the stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [21165/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the discussions he has had with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform with a view to progressing the new Macroom Garda station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [21166/19]

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

*138. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a work permit application appeal by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [21049/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*139. To ask the Minister for Health the details of reduced capacity in the Central Mental Hospital; the way in which waiting lists are being handled particularly during the transition from Dundrum to the new facility in Portrane; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21055/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 27 key recommendations made by the external review into Roscommon Mental Health Services which signalled a service in crisis mode which have been implemented since the publication of the report in September 2017 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [20494/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken to reduce the long waiting times for a first assessment for occupational therapy in County Kildare and west County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20914/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no public benchmarking analysis was completed prior to the issuing of tender in relation to the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [18045/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that the public spending code guidelines may have been ignored with regard to the construction of the national children's hospital; if he is satisfied that in relation to the hospital the public spending code guidelines of money is spent as efficiently as possible, avoiding waste has been followed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [18044/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for implementing the outstanding recommendations from the Citizens' Assembly. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14251/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to allocate additional resources to the health service in view of the recruitment difficulties across the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [18072/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the decision in relation to the approval of spinraza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [20844/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health if he will increase funding to the HSE social care division CHO1 to allow for a home support service to be put in place for elderly persons that have already been approved for the service and have been advised that they are on a waiting list until resources become available; his views on whether such a situation is unacceptable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [20954/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a petition regarding RehabCare; the level of involvement he will take on this matter; if he has engaged with the HSE on this issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [20955/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health the obligations on the Medical Council of Ireland to report to An Garda Síochána a medical professional that has been struck off the register for offences that are deemed illegal; if there is no obligation on the Medical Council to further report such incidents,

his plans to introduce measures to remedy this anomaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [20957/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health if home help will be sanctioned and put in place for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20958/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the process that is followed or guidelines that are given by the Medical Council of Ireland to general practices when vetting or hiring general practitioners that may have been struck off in another jurisdiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [20962/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in addressing the shortfall in funding that threatens the future services to clients of RehabCare; if the necessary funding will be provided to address the shortfall and provide security to the persons and families dependent on these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [20963/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address matters in relation to the sufficient number of specialist registered consultants (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [20965/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Health the number of eligible specialist applications received for each advertised but unfilled consultant post; and the number of eligible candidates interviewed for each unfilled post. — Louise O'Reilly. [20966/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is an insufficient number of eligible applications for approved permanent consultant posts in CHI; and the reason he has not restored pay parity for new entrant consultants as recommended in the Public Service Pay Commission report published in August 2018 in view of the fact that this is one of the main factors that is driving the required specialists abroad. — Louise O'Reilly. [20967/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health if staffing in the children's hospitals in Crumlin, Temple Street and Tallaght will not be compromised to facilitate the running of the satellite UCC Blanchardstown in circumstances in which recruitment is insufficient or incomplete. — Louise O'Reilly. [20968/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health the number of addiction beds in the health service; and his plans to increase the number. — Louise O'Reilly. [20969/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health if further consideration will be given to the need for an enquiry into foetal valproate syndrome as soon as the valproate response team of the HSE has completed its work; when this work is expected to be completed; and when he expects to further consider the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [20971/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with a group (details supplied) and provide a clear answer to its request for an inquiry into accountability issues and compensation for those individuals and families already affected by foetal valproate syndrome. — Louise O'Reilly. [20972/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health when his attention was drawn to the risks associated with the use of valproate in pregnancy; the action 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). — Louise O'Reilly. [20973/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health if the healthcare assessment and needs of children suspected of having foetal valproate syndrome will be prioritised as a matter of urgency; and if there will be no delays in diagnosis and service provision. — Louise O'Reilly. [20974/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health the information available in relation to the prevalence of foetal valproate syndrome within the population. — Louise O'Reilly. [20975/19]

*163. 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 here, the international clinical trial data used as the basis for its approval. — Louise O'Reilly. [20976/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is acceptable that patients at some hospitals are being given only two days notice to attend surgical appointments and if they miss the appointment they are then struck off the waiting list. — Louise O'Reilly. [20977/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that lymphedema patients are being charged for lymphedema garments which are essential garments for their treatment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [20978/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health the health services available to persons that have been definitively diagnosed with Lyme disease; if weekly ECG tests and blood tests every two weeks are available to such persons that need continuous assessment and treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [20984/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health when the medtronic 670g pump will be approved which has potential long-term benefits to type 1 diabetics and significant long-term health cost savings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [20986/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make additional funding available to child mental health services in County Louth; if his attention has been drawn to the long waiting lists for child mental health services causing severe distress to families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [20993/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 433 of 18 December 2018, the latest figures for County Louth and the national figures for 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [20995/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties faced by a private health provider (details supplied) for addiction services in receiving recognition for the services it provides and in receiving fair and reasonable payment for the services it provides; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that these problems were highlighted by the Health Insurance Authority in a 2007 report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [21000/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health if the needs of a person (details supplied) will be accommodated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21015/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health the regulations in relation to additional charges to clients of nursing homes run by the HSE and the private sector under the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21016/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to significantly reduce eye care outpatient waiting lists and lengthy waits for cataract surgery nationally in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21017/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the recent announcement of the HSE of a recruitment embargo in relation to candidates that had completed the recruitment process and that had made life changing decisions based on job offers by the HSE that now find themselves in some cases without a job; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [21029/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health if funding is to be withdrawn from a specific unit in a hospital (details supplied) in County Cork and redistributed to a hospital in another county; if all funding and resources at the hospital will be maintained at current levels and or increased; and if the upgrade of a unit at another hospital will have no impact on funding or service levels at the hospital. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [21033/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies in the laundry service at University Hospital Galway; the length of time such positions have been vacant; the grade of vacancies; when they will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21035/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the contract between a company (details supplied) and University Hospital Galway in relation to the washing of soiled articles including mops; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21036/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health the protocols and procedures in place at the laundry service in University Hospital Galway particularly regarding infection control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21037/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health if an association (details supplied) will be supported in its efforts for justice and compensation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [21039/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health if an operation to remove cataracts will be arranged at WUH for a person (details supplied); the timeline for the treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21040/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health the approval process to have a child referred from St. Luke’s Hospital, Kilkenny for specialist care at a hospital (details supplied); if the case will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21041/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of all vaccines; the vacancies included under the childhood vaccination programmes; the vaccines included under medical programmes; the cost of vaccines that require payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21056/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting for admission to the National Rehabilitation Centre, Dún Laoghaire since January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21073/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health his views on correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21075/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to the National Counselling Service in County Louth in each year over the past five years. — Gerry Adams. [21077/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons from County Louth currently on the waiting list for the National Counselling Service; the number of these persons that have been waiting 3 to 6, 6 to 12, 12 to 15 and more than 15 months respectively, in tabular form. — Gerry Adams. [21078/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent staff working in the National Counselling Service; and the staff vacancies that exist. — Gerry Adams. [21079/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Louth that died by suicide in each year over the past five years. — Gerry Adams. [21080/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health the age of persons from County Louth that died by suicide over the past five years. — Gerry Adams. [21081/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated in County Louth each year for the past five years for the implementation of Connecting for Life, Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide 2015-2020. — Gerry Adams. [21082/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health the whole-time equivalent staff in County Louth employed under the Connecting for Life strategy; and the staff vacancies that exist. — Gerry Adams. [21083/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Louth waiting to access psychology services primary care, CAMHS and disability; and the number of these children that have been waiting 3 to 6, 6 to 12, 12 to 15 and more than 15 months respectively, in tabular form. — Gerry Adams. [21084/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Louth, that have had an initial assessment and are waiting to access further psychology services primary care, CAMHS and disability; and the number of these children that have been waiting 3 to 6, 6 to 12, 12 to 15 and more than 15 months respectively in tabular form. — Gerry Adams. [21085/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults in County Louth waiting to access psychology services; and the number of these adults that have been waiting 3 to 6, 6 to 12, 12 to 15 and more than 15 months respectively in tabular form. — Gerry Adams. [21086/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults in County Louth that have had an initial assessment and are waiting to access psychology services primary care, CAMHS and disability; and the number of these adults that have been waiting 3 to 6, 6 to 12, 12 to 15 and more than 15 months respectively in tabular form. — Gerry Adams. [21087/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels for the CAMHS team for County Louth; the way in which this compares with the recommended staffing levels in A Vision for Change; and the specific staff currently not recruited. — Gerry Adams. [21088/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that are awaiting to access CAMHS services; and the number of these persons that have been waiting 3 to 6, 6 to 12, 12 to 15 and more than 15 months respectively in tabular form. — Gerry Adams. [21089/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding allocated to the CAMHS service in County Louth in each year over the past five years. — Gerry Adams. [21090/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health the appropriate referral pathways for admission to a department of psychiatry facility (details supplied). — Gerry Adams. [21091/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health the number of admissions to hospital of persons from County Louth for anxiety or depression in each year over the past five years; and the average admission rate nationally. — Gerry Adams. [21092/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health the mortality rates for alcohol related causes and for drug related causes by county in tabular form. — Gerry Adams. [21093/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health funding allocation for each county for 2019; and the per capita spend in each county for 2019, in tabular form. — Gerry Adams. [21094/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health the number of advanced nurse practitioners working within Louth mental health services. — Gerry Adams. [21095/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no NTPF initiative in counties Cork and Kerry for ophthalmology outpatient appointments in view of the long wait times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [21100/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that funding is granted by the HSE for breast prosthesis, bras and swimwear for CHO area 8; the reason approvals are not being granted to women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [21131/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical card application in the case of a person (details supplied); if the application will now be approved on medical grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21146/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which a chain of command exists throughout the HSE with particular reference to the degree to which specific responsibilities rest with particular sectors or individuals such as the maintenance of the highest possible standards at mortuaries nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21147/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which homecare packages are being made available nationally; the extent to which provision in this regard to date has alleviated pressure on hospital beds and accident and emergency departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21148/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which staff shortages have shown up in the past six months which may have impeded the delivery and quality of the health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21149/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health the number of extra nursing staff at all grades that have been employed by the HSE in the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21150/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants employed throughout the public health sector in the past two years; the extent to which vacancies remain to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21151/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which he expects to be in a position to implement the recommendations of the Sláintecare report in 2019 and following years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21152/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the number of hospital beds throughout the public health sector needs to be augmented in keeping with demographics; the timescale for such implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21153/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards issued in 2018 and to date in 2019; the extent to which this has contributed to the overall total; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21154/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the outstanding phases of the Naas General Hospital development plan to be implemented in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21155/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health the number of personnel engaged in the delivery of homecare packages; the number of outstanding applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21156/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which adequate funding has been made available throughout the public health sector with a view to meeting the demand as set out throughout the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21157/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which primary care centres or the upgrading of existing health centres has progressed throughout north County Kildare; the extent to which all required facilities have been put in place to facilitate the provision of required level of services to the community and the alleviation of pressure on accident and emergency departments and hospital beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21158/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which orthodontic treatment continues to be made available as appropriate for children and or teenagers that require such treatment; the number of cases treated in each of the past ten years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21159/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new staff recruited to the public health sector in general over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21160/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he continues to monitor waiting lists for orthopaedic and cardiac procedures nationally; the extent to which progress is being made in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21161/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients awaiting spinal fusion procedures; if the waiting lists have improved in recent times with a view to being in a position to offer the treatment within six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21162/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health when a spinal fusion procedure will be offered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21163/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Health if reconsideration will be given to allocating a person (details supplied) an urgent hospital appointment; if it is standard procedure that patients on priority waiting lists must wait over a year before receiving appropriate treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21164/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health if services have been removed from a centre (details supplied) in recent months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [21168/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health if services have been removed from a centre (details supplied) over the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [21169/19]

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

*227. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position in relation to a TAMS grant applied for by a person (details supplied); the position in which the appeal lodged is within the appeals system; if same can be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [20983/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the four residencies rule is a private arrangement between organisations (details supplied); if so, if the decision to display residencies on mart boards is not a directive from his Department and there is no directive currently in place directing marts to continue displaying this information; the reason his Department is providing information in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [21009/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish the reply he received from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment to the detailed response of the Marine Institute which he stated in Parliamentary Question No. 1141 of 8 May 2019, had been forwarded to the Department by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [21026/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to implement measures to assist the suckler beef sector in view of ongoing difficulties facing farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [21074/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the requirements for the beef roundtable in view of the current crisis; the reason an organisation (details supplied) has not been included on the forum; when it will be included in the forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [21129/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department facilitates the four movement rule being displayed on mart display boards by providing movement history; the legislative basis on which his Department shares the data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [21130/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address matters in relation to heifers that are purchased for fattening in feedlots that arrive in calf (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [21132/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address matters in relation to the beef roundtable (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [21133/19]

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

*235. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the Environmental Protection Agency eco-driving training will be delivered; the status of the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [21010/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 861 of 15 January 2019, the number of compressed natural gas public fuelling stations now open and operational; the locations in which they are based; the number planned and scheduled to open in 2019; the locations in which the scheduled stations will be based; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [21012/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if consideration is being given to liaising with the local authorities under waste management and littering legislation to curb the persistent use of postering on lamp posts outside the electoral period in view of the ubiquitous presence of social media and local newspapers to publicise public meetings and events between elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21019/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether market pricing across the aviation industry reflects the cost of carbon emissions in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21020/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there will be a special purpose vehicle set up between an organisation (details supplied) and the ultimate investors; if so, the tax status of same; if it will be liable for corporation tax; if it will be a section 110 company; if a representative from his Department will be on the board of same; if his Department will have full sight of the financial accounts of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [21096/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the tax structure and status of an organisation (details supplied); if it will be liable for corporation tax; if it will be a section 110 company; if a representatives from his Department will be on the board of the organisation; if his Department will have full sight of the financial accounts of the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [21097/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of subcontracts an organisation (details supplied) will have to finalise before broadband will commence to be rolled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [21098/19]

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

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he is taking in relation to the impact of aviation on climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21020/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when funding will be made available for a project (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [20998/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has given further consideration to the consolidation of road traffic legislation; his plans to proceed with proposed legislation to curb excessive speed on roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21024/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if levels of remuneration to senior officials in civic society organisations mostly made up of volunteer members are taken into account by his Department when evaluating structures of governance on bodies making applications for sports capital and other grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21025/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if electric scooters are considered to be mechanically propelled vehicles; and the requirements for road use of scooters. — Eamon Ryan. [21052/19]

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

*247. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will seek to preserve a service (details supplied) in County Donegal for women and children seeking refuge from domestic abuse; if a reply will issue to its request for urgent funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [20999/19]

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

*248. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the supports available via the CLÁR programme or other programmes within his Department to a school in a rural area planning to refurbish outdoor play areas on the school grounds to incorporate play equipment in the interests of promoting physical activity within the school community; his views on whether a CLÁR funded

playground must be made available to the wider community; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this condition is imposing extensive insurance costs on school communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [20949/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will address a matter regarding funding for a local community project (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20961/19]

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

*250. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the stamps of a person (details supplied) can be reviewed. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [21069/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied). — Kevin O'Keeffe. [20951/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and when they can expect a decision on their case. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20952/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20953/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when illness benefit payments will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [20960/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20980/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a review of pension entitlements has been conducted in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [20981/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if payments are made to Turas Nua and Seetec in which a JobPath participant becomes self-employed and is deemed to be no longer eligible for job activation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [20987/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [20992/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) in County Leitrim will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [21027/19]

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*260. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a domiciliary care allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [21028/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration has been given to the introduction of a scheme by which senior citizens living in remote areas would have a contribution to transport costs paid for in cases in which there is no access to public transport; her views on whether the free travel scheme is of little benefit to these persons; and if additional supports are necessary. — Robert Troy. [21072/19]

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

*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if consideration will be given to establishing a Dublin regional housing delivery task force on the lines of proposals for Cork and Galway in view of the large number of households in emergency homeless accommodation and on housing waiting lists in the greater Dublin area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21022/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a house that was originally acquired under the shared ownership scheme with a local authority can now be included in the rent to buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [21032/19]

*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the building of new accommodation at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21053/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the Commission for Regulation of Utilities review of the proposed scheme to develop a water supply network from the Shannon regions to the eastern areas of the State; when the review will be complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [21067/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason he has not released funding to local authorities for the Rebuilding Ireland programme; when this funding will be released; if his attention has been drawn to the impact of the decision on local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21115/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has received an application in relation to the group sewerage scheme for an area (details supplied) from Westmeath County Council; and if so, when same will be approved. — Willie Penrose. [21140/19]

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

*268. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to ensure that a site (details supplied) will be afforded the status of preservation in situ as opposed to preservation by record in view of the fact that a bronze age burial site and settlement has been discovered at the site; her further plans to ensure that the site is protected from development in order that the

archaeological findings may be preserved for the benefit of the wider community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21170/19]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 16 MAY, 2019**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of his proposed legislation regarding regulation of private security personnel that fall outside the remit of the Private Security Authority. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20943/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans for a statutory cap on insurance compensation awards for minor injuries in view of the fact that the Personal Injuries Commission found that awards for minor injuries here are almost five times those paid in the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [17830/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the discussions he or his officials have had with the Office of Public Works or other agencies with a view to progressing the new Macroom Garda station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [18059/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to revise harassment laws here taking into consideration the impact of cyberbullying on the mental health of a person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [20940/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the preparations his Department is making to prepare for the EU's harmonisation of daylight saving time in March and October 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [20941/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when his attention was first drawn to unauthorized surveillance of prisoners meetings with their solicitors and or surveillance of prison staff; the action he plans to take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20938/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which he continues to combat organised crime with particular reference to gangland activity and the induction of teenagers into a criminal lifestyle by crime warlords; the extent to which further resources are required in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21144/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the licensing Acts can be amended to provide venues which predominantly provide music with a separate licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21102/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he is satisfied that GSOC is receiving all available support in relation to both funding and support from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [21107/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the fact that An Garda Síochána is conducting criminal investigations of its own members without the knowledge or participation of GSOC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [21109/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he expects the Central Statistics Office to commence the sexual abuse and violence in Ireland survey; and when he expects the survey to be completed. — Joan Burton. [13948/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the rationale for the proposed participation of Ireland in the EU Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation; the benefits of participation; if a budgetary contribution to the agency is expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [21110/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which the strength of An Garda Síochána is adequate to meet the challenges of organised crime; if particular issues have arisen that may require extra attention in the time ahead; if changes to the bail laws have resulted in an improvement in respect of recidivism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21145/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to investigate capping personal injury payouts; the way in which this will be achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [17645/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he plans to publish the Inspector of Prisons report into unauthorised surveillance of prison officers in view of recent comments in the media in which he stated that his attention was drawn to a person (details supplied); the rationale for the action he took; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [20939/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has had discussions with the Garda Commissioner in relation to the establishment of an internal corruption unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [21108/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he plans to ratify the optional protocol to the UN Convention Against Torture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20942/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to tackle cross border crimes, rural crime and serious crime in view of concerns raised in these areas by organisations representing gardaí. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20945/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of assaults on prison officers and staff working in prisons since 2016; the actions taken to deter these assaults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21106/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the international agreement to prevent the sexual abuse of children known as the Lanzarote Convention is to be ratified in view of the fact that Ireland is an outlier amongst European states in its failure to ratify this convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20946/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to correspondence sent to him on 1 March 2019 by this Deputy and further to Parliamentary Question No. 33 of 30 January 2019, the

arrangements he has taken to contact the person involved; the general supports available to such persons in the State witness protection programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [21136/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the protocols in place for parents, mainly fathers, in prison that have access to their children when they wish to speak with them or arrange prison visits while the parent is in prison; if he is satisfied with the arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [21051/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the work that has taken place to date in identifying a site for the planned courthouse in Navan, County Meath as part of Project Ireland 2040; and if a town centre site will be prioritised in order to help urban regeneration. — Shane Cassells. [18060/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position with regard to the roll out of a dedicated transport police; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [21104/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) has met with the family of a person; the progress of the scoping exercise; the likely date for conclusion; if he will commission an independent inquiry into all aspects of the case following same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [21137/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of serving members of An Garda Síochána currently absent from work on sick leave due to stress related factors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [21111/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will address recent events in Drogheda, County Louth and the need for additional Garda resources; and if he will consider a model similar to that of the task force in the north inner city in response to ongoing drug related incidents in the town. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20944/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has discussed the proposal of the clock change with his EU counterparts recently. — Michael Moynihan. [15420/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress made in the establishment of a dedicated insurance fraud unit within An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [17723/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he is satisfied that there are sufficient supports for those that come forward to report historic allegations of sexual violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [21105/19]

