



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

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

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

1. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the actions he has taken to provide additional supports to An Garda Síochána to address a number of recent thefts of ATM machines; if tracking devices are being considered in ATMs to address the issue; if additional Garda resources have been deployed to areas likely to be targeted; if he is satisfied that the mechanisms to facilitate cross-Border cooperation are in place in tackling this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [21172/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to amend the Chemical Act 2008 to deal with the regulation of sale of corrosive substances; if legislation is required to deal with the use of acid as a weapon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [21174/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress made in tackling an ongoing feud in Drogheda, County Louth; if he is satisfied that An Garda Síochána has sufficient resources to tackle the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [21173/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the introduction of a court order against harassment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [21288/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the work he is undertaking to ensure that disqualified drivers do not continue to drive and that their licences are surrendered as mandated in the courts and to the Court Clerk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21248/19]

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

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

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

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

\*36. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will address reports of licensing issues regarding the participation of the Civil Defence in festivals and public events (details supplied); the nature of the issue; the role of the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council in this matter; the measures underway to resolve the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [21215/19]

\*37. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence when a meeting will be held between his officials, local authorities and an agency (details supplied) on the future of EMT care by the Civil Defence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21259/19]

\*38. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if we will provide clarity on concerns that have been raised on the future operation of the aeromedical service based at Custume Barracks, Athlone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21260/19]

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

\*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the situation in Venezuela; the position of the EU and Ireland on same; the efforts made and ongoing to resolve this crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21230/19]

\*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the situation in Syria; the position of the EU on Syria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21231/19]

\*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the persecution of Christians has been raised at the EU Foreign Affairs Council; the efforts made to address this at EU level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21232/19]

\*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of talks to restart the Executive in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21233/19]

\*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of efforts to resolve the issue of the undocumented Irish in the United States of America; the recent meetings held by the special envoy of Ireland in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21234/19]

\*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 85 of 8 May 2019, if he will request the United Arab Emirates authorities to ensure conditions are improved for the person. — Seán Crowe. [21276/19]

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

\*45. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of household insurance policies, employer liability insurance policies and public liability insurance policies, respectively entered into in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21177/19]

\*46. To ask the Minister for Finance if under the VAT directive, it is possible to charge a different or reduced rate for the sale of apartments to the sale of other types of residential properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [21201/19]

\*47. To ask the Minister for Finance the average flood insurance claim for households here; the number of household flood insurance claims in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21236/19]

\*48. To ask the Minister for Finance if an application (details supplied) can be amended following a drawdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [21322/19]

\*49. To ask the Minister for Finance when he expects report stage of the National Surplus (Reserve Fund for Exceptional Contingencies) Bill 2018 to be held in Dáil Éireann; the timeline for enacting the legislation; the estimated time it will take to establish the fund once legislation is passed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21332/19]

\*50. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on expanding the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; the extra amount he is prepared to authorise; if the funding borrowed to fund the scheme is included in the national debt calculation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21333/19]

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

\*51. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of OPW annual visitor cards sold in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Anne Rabbitte. [21252/19]

\*52. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount of funding provided to each OPW heritage site in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Anne Rabbitte. [21253/19]

\*53. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of Garda stations in County Kildare due for or in the course of refurbishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21312/19]

\*54. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if proposed works are due to be carried out on a glasha (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21206/19]

\*55. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason a person (details supplied) has not received increases to their pension. — Peter Burke. [21265/19]

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

\*56. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to a situation in which a child (details supplied) has been denied access to a school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21175/19]

\*57. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of plans to open an autism unit in a school (details supplied); the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [21176/19]

\*58. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when planning permission will be submitted to Meath County Council for the development of temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [21188/19]

\*59. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address the difficulty facing a school (details supplied) in relation to a retrospective application for emergency funding due to a serious works issue which arose over the Christmas period. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [21193/19]

\*60. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will review and amend the income disregards for student grants to take account of flood relief payments received from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [21199/19]

\*61. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 290 of 8 May 2019, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that initial building work is already complete and that the schools in question have been open since 10 April 2019; when he expects the addition of special classes on the site to be completed; the contact he has had with stakeholders on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [21213/19]



\*62. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21224/19]

\*63. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the childcare supports available to a person (details supplied) participating in an ETB course in circumstances in which there are no available places in the only local registered childcare facility and no other registered childcare providers exist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21227/19]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if consideration will be given to correspondence of 7 May 2019 in relation to an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21241/19]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has contractual arrangements with companies to provide school prefabs; the details of companies or organisations that own the school prefabs in use in view of the fact that his Department will pay €19 million in renting same in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [21247/19]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the shortlisting of contractors for a school (details supplied) has been completed; if firms or contractors in County Donegal have been successful in the shortlisting process; the number of firms and contractors in County Donegal that applied to be shortlisted for the contract; the timeframe for the next part of the tendering process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [21270/19]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding a qualified teacher (details supplied); if they are paid in line with point one of the teaching pay scale in spite of their pre-2009 years of experience; if their past teaching experience will be recognised; if their experience in different professions will be recognised; if this experience can be viewed as incremental credit; if their service can be backdated to November 2018 when they began teaching; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21282/19]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will review a decision made to refuse funding under the emergency works grant for toilet facilities at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [21284/19]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to ensure that a school (details supplied) is not forced to close due to rising insurance costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21319/19]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the actions he took when a protected disclosure from a teacher in an education and training board (details supplied) was received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [21338/19]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the case of a teacher that submitted a protected disclosure and has since been dismissed by an education and training board (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [21339/19]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 206 of 19 February 2019, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that an education and training board (details supplied) has failed to follow agreed disciplinary and grievance mandatory procedures;

and his views on the failures of the education and training board to follow mandatory circulars in matters in relation to its workforce and disciplinary proceedings. — Bríd Smith. [21340/19]

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

\*73. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21303/19]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the Garda overtime budget has been cut; if so, the areas of operation affected; if such overtime cuts apply to the Louth Garda division; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21226/19]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to improve the wages and conditions of nursing staff in prisons; if he will address the anomaly in which they have not benefited from recent improvements awarded to general nursing staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [21246/19]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to increase the number of Justices to alleviate the lengthy delays in the High Court between a criminal case being ready to trial and the first available trial date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21287/19]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21293/19]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21294/19]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed to achieve naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21295/19]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21296/19]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21302/19]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21304/19]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21306/19]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which education and rehabilitative training in the prison system is offered to all first-time offenders with particular reference to the need to encourage such persons away from a life of crime; the number of such persons that have benefitted from rehabilitation in each of the past five years; the number of repeat offenders that were offered places in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21307/19]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which research has shown the benefit of rehabilitative training for prisoners in each of the past five years to date with particular reference to its effect on recidivism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21308/19]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of prisoners on bail in respect of more than one offence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21309/19]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of prison places available in prisons nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21310/19]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí available for duty on a given day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21311/19]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which An Garda Síochána has at its disposal all the necessary provisions to deal with organised crime in all areas nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21313/19]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which his Department continually reviews the effect of education and rehabilitation within the prisons as a means of discouraging recidivism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21314/19]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if membership of criminal gangs will be prescribed by law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21315/19]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which the Criminal Assets Bureau continues to successfully pursue organised crime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21316/19]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the degree to which An Garda Síochána continues to combat the activity of organised criminal gangs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21317/19]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which ongoing training is available to An Garda Síochána with particular reference to the need to ensure that the force is fully equipped in every way to take on modern gangland crime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21318/19]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he expects the report stage of the Judicial Council Bill 2017 to be held in Seanad Éireann; the timeline for introducing the Bill in Dáil Éireann; the timeline for establishing a committee on the council to deal with personal injury awards pursuant of the recommendation from the Personal Injuries Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21331/19]

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

\*96. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the role her Department plays in ensuring that multinationals here operate according to the principles laid down in the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [21274/19]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a person (details supplied) qualifies for a work permit in view of the fact that they have resided here for several years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21305/19]

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

\*98. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that every effort will be made to resolve the funding anomalies with regard to the RehabCare Group in view of the fact that it employs 1,500 staff nationally and provides services for over 3,000 vulnerable persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [21195/19]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a unit (details supplied); if the location of same has been decided upon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21189/19]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Health the status of talks being held between the HSE and the RehabCare Group over funding; his plans to avoid the possible withdrawal of services for persons with disabilities, the contracts for the provision of which are held by the charity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21190/19]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Health if medication will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21196/19]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the RehabCare Group to examine the way in which the funding gaps can be addressed in the interests of over 3,000 vulnerable service users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [21197/19]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be released to an organisation to allow a person (details supplied) avail of a residential care placement in one of its homes. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21198/19]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent surgical appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21200/19]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter (details supplied) will be investigated and referred to the hospital for an update; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21204/19]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [21205/19]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on a medical card application by a person (details supplied); if the application will be finalised without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [21207/19]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Health the reason further information is being requested in the case of an application for a medical card in the case of a person (details supplied); the actions being taken to bring the application to a conclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21208/19]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Health if transport to and from an initiative will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21209/19]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [21210/19]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a situation at a centre (details supplied) in which there is a vacancy for a speech and language therapist since January 2019 and that children are unable to avail of speech and language and occupational therapy due to the staff shortages; if positions will be filled as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [21214/19]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect knee surgery at Croom Orthopaedic Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [21219/19]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 826 and 827 of 8 May 2019, if a person can have cannabis based oil produced by a company (details supplied) collected by an appointed company not for commercial purposes but as a nominated representative or entity collecting the medication strictly on behalf of the person. — Louise O'Reilly. [21220/19]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 826 and 827 of 8 May 2019, if a person can have cannabis based oil produced by a company (details supplied) collected by an appointed representative strictly on behalf of the person and not for commercial purposes. — Louise O'Reilly. [21221/19]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 826 and 827 of 8 May 2019, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that medical distribution companies are travelling to the Netherlands to collect medicinal cannabis on behalf of patients in Northern Ireland and delivering it to the patients; and the reason a similar arrangement cannot be achieved for patients here. — Louise O'Reilly. [21222/19]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Health if a doctor (details supplied) in a remote area will be provided a licence to dispense medicines as was previously the case due to the only pharmacy in the area closing down. — Louise O'Reilly. [21223/19]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding home help cover for elderly persons when the regular home help is on annual leave; if home help cover is provided in these circumstances; and if there are variations between counties in relation to same in view of the fact that some persons are being left without cover in areas of County Laois. — Brian Stanley. [21225/19]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a cataract surgery appointment. — Sean Sherlock. [21237/19]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the opening of a facility at a location (details supplied); when the facility will be available for use by patients; the purpose for which the facility is being used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [21238/19]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a HSE orthodontist at a location (details supplied); if efforts are underway to establish the post as a full-time position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21242/19]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to concerns expressed by master medical herbalists regarding the Treatment of Cancer (Advertisements) Bill 2018 and the implication of same on the profession; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21243/19]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he will be taking to address the significant drug related activity that has escalated in Drogheda and its surrounding area; the actions he will take to address the lack of drug outreach workers in the town in view of the recent drug related criminality; if he will apply for emergency funding to fund a report (details supplied) to assess and plan appropriately to manage the drugs crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21244/19]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if an endocrinologist will be provided to Cavan General Hospital for local women in counties Cavan and Monaghan that require these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21254/19]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Health if the accounting officer of the Health Service Executive has implemented the recommendations (details supplied) of the 2012 annual report of the Comptroller and Auditor General; and if he will provide evidence of random sample reviews, risk criteria and improvement between 2012 and quarter one of 2019. — Michael Harty. [21280/19]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Health his views on correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21283/19]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Health if an orthopaedic procedure will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [21285/19]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address the serious financial difficulty being experienced by RehabCare; his plans to ensure that the necessary additional funding will be put in place to enable these services to be provided to persons that use and need same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [21286/19]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [21290/19]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a full medical card was not renewed in the case of a person (details supplied); if the matter will be urgently examined with a view to restoration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21321/19]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card will issue in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21297/19]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Health when necessary financial resources will be allocated to the HSE to eliminate the delays in providing home support for persons already approved for home help but awaiting provision of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [21320/19]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Health his views of claims by an organisation (details supplied) that the funding being proposed for the new oral health policy is completely inadequate. — Stephen Donnelly. [21328/19]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of a reversal of FEMPI fee cuts for dentists. — Stephen Donnelly. [21329/19]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons approved for home help in CHO1 and CHO2 areas and awaiting provision of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [21330/19]

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

\*135. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the disposal of Coillte telecommunications infrastructure in 2015 to a company (details supplied) was approved; the discussions held with the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment in advance of the approval; if he or the former Minister raised concerns with him and Coillte on the potential implications of disposal of this asset on the future ownership model for the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21256/19]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if fish produced at a farm by a company (details supplied) that was in excess of the permitted harvest limit has been awarded organic status. — Clare Daly. [21178/19]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will order an independent investigation of the organic labelling system for all salmon farms licensed by his Department in view of his decision to revoke the licence held by a company (details supplied) due to overharvesting. — Clare Daly. [21179/19]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the sale of fish labelled as organic that are produced in breach of licensing conditions can be described as green washing. — Clare Daly. [21180/19]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the grants awarded to a company (details supplied) since 2012. — Clare Daly. [21181/19]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the salmon farm sites operated by a company (details supplied) that are being investigated for breaches of licence conditions. — Clare Daly. [21182/19]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will remove the governance of the Marine Institute and the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority from the marine division of his Department in order to ensure the real independence of these bodies as was intended by the House of the Oireachtas when granting them statutory status. — Clare Daly. [21183/19]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will initiate discussions with Inland Fisheries Ireland to strengthen his role in salmon farm licensing in view of his recent decision to revoke a salmon farm licence and the other ongoing investigations by his Department into licence breaches. — Clare Daly. [21184/19]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will conduct an investigation into the reason it took the licensing division of his Department three years to conclude its investigation into licence breaches by a company (details supplied) at its salmon farm site. — Clare Daly. [21185/19]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the delay by his Department in investigating licence breaches by salmon farmers demonstrates that in practical terms the industry is virtually unregulated. — Clare Daly. [21186/19]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the disposal of Coillte telecommunications infrastructure in 2015 to a company (details supplied) was approved; the discussions held with the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources and the then Minister in advance of the approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21257/19]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the disposal of Coillte telecommunications infrastructure in 2015 to a company (details supplied) was approved; the discussions held with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in advance of the approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21258/19]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of his efforts to resubmit an acceptable system of penalty points for serious fishing infringements which Ireland is obliged to introduce as per a European Union directive; the consultation he has had on this matter with the sector since this Deputy last raised the issue with him; the timeframe for introducing his revised proposals; the form in which he plans to introduce them to Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [21271/19]

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

\*148. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to extend high speed fibre broadband to a household (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21203/19]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the roll out of broadband in an area (details supplied); and the steps being made to address gaps in coverage in the area. — Clare Daly. [21245/19]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of houses and properties that do not have poles or infrastructure nearby to provide broadband connections to such properties from the roadway to the property without major investment. — Declan Breathnach. [21255/19]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to take a company (details supplied) back into State control; if such an offer would be cost-effective



in the long run in view of the fact that it would then be a State owned company with the task of broadband roll out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [21269/19]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to use the ESB in relation to the roll out of broadband to properties that are waiting for connection under the State intervention scheme; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the ESB already has direct access to all properties and its infrastructure could be used in the provision of broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [21273/19]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which redundancy packages are in hand for Bord Na Móna employees likely to lose their jobs in the foreseeable future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21292/19]

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

\*154. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if TII will consider a bus shelter for an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21235/19]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the fact that transport costs rose 3.7% in April 2019 compared to 1.7% average consumer price inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21249/19]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the installation of a bus stop on the R148 Mullingar Road to Kinnegad at a location (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [21263/19]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce a special allocation to fund the entire replacement of Fintra Bridge on the R263 in Killybegs, County Donegal and the additional 3km of new road construction (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this project is located on a regional road and will require possible funding of €8 to €9 million to cover land purchase, CPO costs, bridge and road construction and box out costs in order to complete the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [21272/19]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the budgeted cost of the M7 motorway upgrade; the actual cost of the project; the original estimated completion date; when it will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [21291/19]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of legislation to regulate the operation of rickshaws; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [21336/19]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps being taken to ensure taxi driver safety and prevent anti-social behaviour and attacks on taxi drivers; if legislation is being considered in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [21337/19]

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

\*161. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to provide specific units (details supplied) in north and east County Cork. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [21239/19]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 94 of 4 April 2019, the reason there are substantial variations in the amount of children being placed in foster care across different districts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [21187/19]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding mechanisms available for organisations such as an organisation (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21191/19]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the recent sale of a former mother and baby home (details supplied); and the action she will take to exclude potential burial sites from the sale following the recent finding of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes that an organisation failed to provide evidence that infants were not buried in unapproved cemeteries. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21194/19]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a matter regarding the operation of the ECCE scheme will be investigated (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [21211/19]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the advocacy organisations, survivors groups and stakeholders she has met or plans to meet to discuss draft amendments to revise elements of the Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [21212/19]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the childcare supports available to a person (details supplied) participating in an ETB course in circumstances in which there are no available places in the only local registered childcare facility and no other registered childcare providers exist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21228/19]

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

\*168. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of an application for funding for a car by a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21266/19]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount expended with respect to promoting and carrying out the Rural Opportunity roadshow campaign to date; the costs associated with advertising, by online and offline, design work, photography, event staging and venue hire, respectively; the cost of creating online content to promote this campaign and maintenance costs to date in tabular form; the budget allocated for promotional activities in 2018 and 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [21323/19]

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

\*170. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a graduate of a level 7 course is not entitled to apply for the back to education allowance for a level 8 course in a different discipline (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [21216/19]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated amount it would cost to expand BTEA approved postgraduate courses in line with postgraduate approved courses by SUSI; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [21218/19]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on the provision of a service at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21240/19]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason the illness benefit payment of a person (details supplied) has been suspended; when same will be reinstated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [21217/19]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the actions including meetings between her and or her officials and community employment supervisors and or their representatives she has taken since a motion was passed in Dáil Éireann in 2018 in relation to pension entitlements for community employment supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [21250/19]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a spouse of a recently deceased person who is in receipt of an invalidity pension cannot qualify for a widow’s or widower’s pension but a spouse who is working and earning a salary is entitled to a widow’s or widower’s pension if their spouse dies; her views on whether this inequity is fair; if her attention has been drawn to the burden this can place on households in which the main earner dies and the household is dependent on the invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [21251/19]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for the delay in deciding an appeal for supplementary welfare allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if a decision has now been reached. — Róisín Shortall. [21289/19]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when rent support will be offered in the case of a person (details supplied); if the matter can be urgently investigated with a view to conclusion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21298/19]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the correct level of rent support payable in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21299/19]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if required dental benefit for the purpose of orthodontic treatment will be offered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21301/19]

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

\*180. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of houses in County Donegal affected by MICA; if this includes council houses, State buildings, retaining walls, extensions, conservatories and so on; the estimated amount it will cost to resolve; and if the scheme will be open ended. — Peadar Tóibín. [21277/19]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if families that have had remedial work carried out on their houses receive a certificate of being clear of MICA in view of the fact that persons do not want to register with a group (details supplied) for fear their houses will be devalued or they will not be able to obtain insurance for their property. — Peadar Tóibín. [21278/19]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if families affected by MICA will have to continue to pay the local property tax; if families have to pay mortgages and rent if they are forced to move out; if the funding covers compensation to families; the effect the crisis will have on the provision of local authority houses in County Donegal; and the number of local authority houses set aside for families from MICA houses. — Peadar Tóibín. [21279/19]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to put in place a redress scheme or grant scheme for residents in County Donegal affected by problems in concrete blocks affected by muscovite MICA; the steps taken to put in place such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21202/19]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when Sligo Fire Service will receive two new fire units for its Sligo and Tubbercurry fire units; if this allocation will be made in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [21268/19]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the local authorities that employ and do not employ, respectively a full-time Irish language officer in tabular form; and the estimated annual cost for employing such a position. — Dara Calleary. [21324/19]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the breakdown of all grant payment schemes available for private well owners in tabular form; the number of private wells which are grant aided by county; and the cost of these in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Dara Calleary. [21325/19]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding available in 2019 for new group sewerage and water schemes, respectively; the maximum grants available for each type of scheme per connection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [21326/19]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme will be expanded; if so, the amount by which; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21334/19]

