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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach the number of freedom of information requests received by his Department to date in 2019; and the number of requests fully and partially refused, respectively. — Joan Burton. [16349/19]
2. To ask the Taoiseach the number of freedom of information requests received by his Department in 2018; and the number of requests granted, partially granted and refused. — Mary Lou McDonald. [17456/19]
3. To ask the Taoiseach the number of freedom of information requests received by his Department in 2018 and to date 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [21784/19]
4. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for a new covenant between Church and State. — Eamon Ryan. [16388/19]
5. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for a new covenant between Church and State. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18732/19]
6. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for a new relationship between Church and State. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20546/19]
7. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for a new covenant between Church and State. — Brendan Howlin. [21783/19]
8. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the National Digital Strategy being led by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16454/19]
9. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the National Digital Strategy being led by his Department. — Brendan Howlin. [16482/19]
10. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the National Digital Strategy being led by his Department. — Joan Burton. [21730/19]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met. — Michael Moynihan. [16722/19]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met; and when it will next meet. — Eamon Ryan. [16738/19]

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

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

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

16. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met; and when it will next meet. — Joan Burton. [21731/19]

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

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

19. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee F (National Security) last met; and when it will next meet. — Joan Burton. [21732/19]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee F (National Security) last met. — Micheál Martin. [21781/19]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on Cabinet committee F (National Security); and when it last met. — Michael Moynihan. [22087/19]

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

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

24. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee A (Economy) will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21770/19]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee A (Economy) last met. — Brendan Howlin. [21782/19]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee A (Economy) last met. — Brendan Howlin. [21850/19]

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

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagement with the US Congressional delegation that visited Ireland. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21570/19]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the US congressional delegation that visited Ireland recently. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21771/19]

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

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

32. To ask the Taoiseach when he last spoke with the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Theresa May. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21569/19]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report of the ongoing talks in Northern Ireland; and if he has discussed same with Prime Minister May. — Michael Moynihan. [21769/19]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent conversations with Prime Minister May in relation to Northern Ireland. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21772/19]

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

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

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

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

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

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the informal European Council meeting in Sibiu, Romania; and the decisions taken in relation to the future of Europe. — Seán Haughey. [21513/19]

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the recent informal meeting of the European Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21571/19]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the informal European Council meeting in Sibiu, Romania on 9 May 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [21852/19]

43. To ask the Taoiseach further to the reply to Parliamentary Question Nos. 5 to 14 on 5 February 2019, if he will report on any contacts he has had with a person (details supplied). — Michael Moynihan. [21768/19]

44. To ask the Taoiseach if agricultural issues or CAP were discussed when he met President Macron on 15 May 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [21766/19]

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to Paris on 15 May 2019 and the Christchurch call to action which commits Governments and online service providers to undertake a series of actions to counteract and remove extreme violent activity online. — Micheál Martin. [21774/19]

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he met with other world leaders in Paris on 15 May 2019; and if so, the issues he discussed with them. — Micheál Martin. [21775/19]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he spoke with Prime Minister May in relation to her upcoming vote on the Withdrawal Treaty Bill in June 2019 while in Paris. — Micheál Martin. [22083/19]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

48. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the role of companies (details supplied) in the National Broadband Plan; the contractual and financial powers of the State with regard to these companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [22060/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will seek a full cost-benefit analysis of all State owned alternative models to deliver the National Broadband Plan. — Brian Stanley. [21700/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position with regard to the declaration of a climate and biodiversity emergency; the actions he will take in view of this decision; the status of the response to the report of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Climate Action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [22061/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures he is putting in place in order to combat air pollution (details supplied); and the measures he is taking to reduce domestic solid fuel burning. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [21787/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of cost-benefit analyses undertaken before the decision to grant preferred bidder status to a consortium regarding the National Broadband Plan; if the analyses will be published; if the initial investment in the plan by the preferred bidder will be released in one block or in tranches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [21733/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

53. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the contract for the National Broadband Plan will be signed. — Timmy Dooley. [21777/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the implementation of the Action Plan for Online Safety; the progress made to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [21484/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress made with the relevant agencies and stakeholders to deliver the annual support of €75 for the disposal of medical incontinence wear for vulnerable persons to help meet the average annual cost of disposing of domestic waste; when he expects this support to be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [21514/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the cost-benefit analyses conducted by his Department or on behalf of his Department with regard to each alternative option considered for the National Broadband Plan; the cost of each of the options considered; the state aid considerations and the meetings and or communications with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform on these options; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [21776/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views regarding the relocation of post offices from town centres to the outer fringes of towns and thereby accelerating the doughnut effect of towns. — Brian Stanley. [21705/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he will take to implement the decision of Dáil Éireann to declare a climate emergency following the report of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Climate Action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21343/19]

59. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he is taking to ensure that a just transition is a key element of the forthcoming All of Government Plan on Climate Disruption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [21476/19]

60. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of homes in County Westmeath that will benefit as a result of the National Broadband Plan; the investment in the county over the duration of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [21477/19]

61. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his goals and targets to meet emissions targets for 2030 in view of the climate emergency that has been declared on an annual basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [21515/19]

62. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he is taking to address the issue of illegal household dumping and of alleged highly organised illegal dumping of industrial and soil waste in areas of north County Dublin and Fingal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [15749/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans for implementing the outstanding recommendations from the Citizens' Assembly. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14251/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of efforts to reduce single use plastics with reference to the new EU directive on the impact of certain plastic products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [21481/19]

65. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the actions he is taking to assist county councils deal with incidents of illegal dumping and fly tipping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21718/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to put in place a payment for solar electricity in order that households and communities receive payment for the power they feed into the grid. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [21788/19]

67. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the three most important actions he plans to take to address the issue of climate change and carbon reduction including development of the alternative energy sector, incentivising the transport sector and to change to renewable fuels; the extent to which the domestic transport sector can be influential in this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21742/19]

68. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the introduction of a nationwide ban on smoky fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21342/19]

69. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the role of companies (details supplied) in the National Broadband Plan. — Timmy Dooley. [21779/19]

70. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which the provision of broadband in all areas nationally is progressing; if he anticipates the provision of services to the blank spaces between services within a reasonable time with particular reference to the recently announced National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21741/19]

71. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the role the broadband connection points will have in the provision of high speed broadband during year one of the National Broadband Plan State intervention deployment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [21483/19]

72. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if Ireland was approached in relation to the proposal put together by France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Spain, Portugal and Luxembourg ahead of the informal EU Council meeting in Sibiu calling on the European Union to step up the fight against climate change and sign up to a European Commission plan to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050; if Ireland will join this call for increased action in view of the recent declaration of a climate emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [21531/19]

73. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has discussed with Bord na Móna plans to develop alternative energy sources into the future and to maintain job creation in respect of the decarbonisation of the environment and reaching emission reduction targets; and the progress made in relation to same. — Brian Stanley. [21704/19]

74. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on his announcement on the National Broadband Plan on 7 May 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [20552/19]

75. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to support the Petroleum and Other Minerals Development (Amendment) (Climate Emergency

Measures) Bill 2018 to cease issuing licences for fossil fuel extraction in view of the declaration by Dáil Éireann of a climate emergency and that an end to fossil fuel extraction is a central demand of the climate change movement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21790/19]

76. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the composition and function of the National Advisory Council for Online Safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [21706/19]

77. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount of initial capital expenditure required to connect a premises and or dwelling under the National Broadband Plan; the way in which this cost was estimated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [21656/19]

78. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will consider moving forward the date that Moneypoint is to stop coal burning operations in view of the recognition that Ireland is in a climate emergency in addition to the reports of human rights abuses, population displacement and environmental destruction associated with the mine in which the majority of coal is sourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [21532/19]

79. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps being taken as part of the National Broadband Plan to ensure that the broadband network is future proofed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [21479/19]

80. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which the State subsidy towards the National Broadband Plan is structured over the course of the 25 year contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [21702/19]

81. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeframe for implementation of the report of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Climate Action, Climate Change: A Cross-Party Consensus for Action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21786/19]

82. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a company (details supplied) has the ability to sell the business and assets of the National Broadband Plan after full deployment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O’Brien. [21716/19]

83. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the authority he has to control the future ownership of the National Broadband network; and the consequences for a company (details supplied) in the event of a sale. — Brian Stanley. [21703/19]

84. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the opportunities that will arise in healthcare provision in areas such as remote general practitioner and medical monitoring services as a result of the roll out of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [21553/19]

85. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the actions he plans to take following the declaration of a climate and biodiversity emergency. — Timmy Dooley. [21780/19]

86. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeline for the commencement of works on the ground under the National Broadband Plan; the measures contained within same to ensure rapid roll out of broadband services for rural areas, rural communities and regional towns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [21344/19]

87. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of forecasted first-time premises to be connected by year 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 of the National Broadband Plan roll out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [21655/19]

88. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the anticipated expansion of the digital economy in forthcoming years; the role the National Broadband Plan will play in allowing Ireland to take full advantage of the opportunities of the digital economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [21552/19]

89. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of members the State will appoint to the board of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [21701/19]

90. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when a further call for applications for the climate action fund will be announced; the role the fund will have in achieving Ireland's climate and energy targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [21480/19]

91. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the impact the provision of high speed broadband in rural areas will have in relation to remote working and flexible working arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [21478/19]

92. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he is satisfied that online safety is adequately covered in the School Digital Champion Programme. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [21707/19]

93. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the cost-benefit analysis of the National Broadband Plan conducted by a company (details supplied). — Timmy Dooley. [21778/19]

94. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the North-South Interconnector project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21717/19]

95. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the impact the National Broadband Plan will have on transforming business here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [20594/19]

96. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he received as requested an update by 12 April 2019 on the actions the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine is taking to resolve elevated sea lice levels; if he has received the response from the Department in relation to its requirements as set out in the correspondence which relate to its statutory responsibilities for the conservation of salmon and sea trout; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21785/19]

97. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of homes in counties Sligo and Leitrim that are in the amber intervention area for the National Broadband Plan; when the roll out of the plan will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [21482/19]

98. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount spent on consultancy fees to companies (details supplied) since June 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21715/19]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*99. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons that co-work or work from home weekly that have broadband access and are employed in companies based in the local authorities of each city (details supplied) in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [21327/19]

*100. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent in fees to companies (details supplied) by his Department in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21587/19]

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

*101. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the reason abatement is being applied to the public service pension of a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [21858/19]

*102. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the plans being prepared to recruit additional Army personnel should they be necessary to patrol additional Border posts in a post-Brexit scenario. — Robert Troy. [21387/19]

*103. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of Army personnel serving at Custume Barracks, Athlone, County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [21388/19]

*104. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to ensure changes to the current regulations are made which would allow retiring Army personnel to take up roles within other State organisations for which they have suitable qualifications, for example, a trained military paramedic cannot take up a similar role within the HSE. — Robert Troy. [21389/19]

*105. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if changes will be made to the Army pension system which would allow retired personnel to work in more financially rewarding roles (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21390/19]

*106. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the position regarding St. Bricin's military facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [21410/19]

*107. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the amount spent in fees to companies (details supplied) by his Department in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21577/19]

*108. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to address concerns that the Civil Defence is being prevented from participating or assisting at community events and functions it would have normally taken part in due to changes in its function; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [21661/19]

*109. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the steps taken to ensure that all branches of the Defence Forces have ready access to pay and service conditions comparable to those alongside which they may be deployed on overseas missions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21765/19]

*110. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to address correspondence regarding the awarding of military medals to persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [21807/19]

*111. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of personnel that entered and left respectively, the Permanent Defence Forces in each of the years 2017 and 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21994/19]

*112. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 61 of 8 May 2019, the action that will be taken against those involved in or permitting the exercises in question (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [22015/19]

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

*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to implement the Sibiu Declaration; and if this will involve an interdepartmental group or Cabinet committee. — Micheál Martin. [21835/19]

*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if an application for reconciliation fund grant aid has been received from an organisation (details supplied) in County Donegal; if so, when a decision on same will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21351/19]

*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the confiscation of the passport of a person (details supplied) by the German authorities while under the care of their legal guardian; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21436/19]

*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited and processed in time for them to travel on 5 June 2019 in view of the fact that proof of travel has been provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21558/19]

*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount spent in fees to companies (details supplied) by his Department in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21581/19]

*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the efforts being made at EU level to address concerns regarding human rights abuses in Bahrain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21600/19]

*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has formally raised the issue of human rights abuses and the detention of human rights defenders with the Bahraini authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21601/19]

*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the situation in Romania and planned legal changes which could undermine the rule of law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21602/19]

*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the situation in Rakhine State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21603/19]

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if funding will be maintained to the United Nations Population Fund in 2020 at current levels; if funding to the fund will increase between 2020 and 2030 in addition to overall overseas development assistance budget increases; if funding will continue to be provided the UNFPA/UNICEF joint programme to eliminate female genital mutilation; and his plans for multi-year funding plans for UNFPA thematic funds rather than sporadic funding commitments. — Seán Crowe. [21637/19]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if will prioritise sexual and reproductive health in bilateral overseas development assistance to countries negatively affected by the expansion of the global gag rule of the United States of America which is having a devastating effect on funding to vital sexual and reproductive health programmes around the world. — Seán Crowe. [21638/19]

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will attend the high level conference to advance the implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development programme of action that will take place in Nairobi from 12 to 14 November 2019; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that 2019 marks the 25th anniversary of the ICPD which took place in Cairo in 1994; his views on whether Ireland needs to play an important role in ensuring that the ICPD programme of action is urgently implemented and sexual and reproductive health rights are realised across the globe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [21639/19]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the timeframe for passport renewals for both online applications and passport express; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [21793/19]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the situation in Syria; the efforts being made at EU and international level to bring an end to this conflict; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21805/19]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the efforts being made at EU level to de-escalate tension between the United States of America and Iran; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21806/19]

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*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if consideration has been given to applying for observer membership of the Arctic Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21844/19]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of Brexit contingency planning for all scenarios including a no-deal scenario; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [21867/19]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of cases regarding the death of an Irish citizen abroad, particularly citizens that are resident here and are therefore abroad for holidays or work reasons, the consular division has dealt with in each of the years 2013 to 2018. — Seán Crowe. [21892/19]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a commitment still exists to the target of spending 0.7% of gross national income on overseas development assistance; when he expects to achieve this target; the amount of an increase in ODA spending it will require; and the way in which it is expected to reach this target in the coming years. — Seán Crowe. [21963/19]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if through diplomatic channels he can assist in the protection of environmental and human rights defenders in La Guajira, north Colombia that have been receiving death threats, one of whom was recently in the Houses of the Oireachtas meeting TDs and Senators. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [22013/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*133. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address the ongoing issue of returning immigrants being charged high car insurance due to their no claims bonus expiring even though no claims have been made against the policy. — Robert Troy. [21598/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected budgetary impact of the National Broadband Plan from 2019 to 2024 or the latest available date; and the estimated way in which this will impact the general Government balance in each affected year in gross, percentage of GDP and percentage of GNI in tabular form. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21819/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which his Department has used the funds the State received from the sale of its stake in a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [21837/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Finance if measures will be introduced to prevent insurance companies from refusing insurance to family homes that are listed buildings; his plans for incentives to encourage insurers not to refuse insuring family homes that are listed buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [21347/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue from tapering the personal, PAYE and earned income credits by 1.43 % per €1,000 on an individual income between €100,000 and €170,000 per year resulting in no entitlement to these tax credits when income is in excess of €170,000 based on the latest individualised income figures available to the Revenue Commissioners. — Pearse Doherty. [21398/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue from tapering out the personal, PAYE and earned income credit by 2.5% per €1,000 on individual income between €100,000

and €140,000 per year resulting in no entitlement to these tax credits when income is in excess of €140,000 based on the latest individualised income figures available to the Revenue Commissioners. — Pearse Doherty. [21399/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue from tapering out the personal, PAYE and earned income credit by 2% per €1,000 on individual income between €100,000 and €150,000 per year resulting in no entitlement to these tax credits when income is in excess of €150,000 based on the latest individualised income figures available to the Revenue Commissioners. — Pearse Doherty. [21400/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue from tapering out the personal, PAYE and earned income credit by 5% per €1,000 on individual income between €100,000 and €120,000 per year resulting in no entitlement to these tax credits when income is in excess of €120,000 based on the latest individualised income figures available to the Revenue Commissioners. — Pearse Doherty. [21401/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue from tapering out the personal, PAYE and earned income credit by 5% per €1,000 on individual income between €100,000 and €120,000 per year resulting in no entitlement to these tax credits when income is in excess of €120,000 in addition to an USC rate of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7%, respectively in excess of €120,000 based on the latest individualised income figures available to the Revenue Commissioners. — Pearse Doherty. [21402/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue from tapering out the personal, PAYE and earned income credit by 2.5% per €1,000 on individual income between €100,000 and €140,000 per year resulting in no entitlement to these tax credits when income is in excess of €140,000 in addition to an USC rate of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7%, respectively in excess of €140,000 based on the latest individualised income figures available to the Revenue Commissioners. — Pearse Doherty. [21403/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue from tapering out the personal, PAYE and earned income credit by 2% per €1,000 on individual income between €100,000 and €150,000 per year resulting in no entitlement to these tax credits when income is in excess of €150,000 in addition to an USC rate of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7%, respectively in excess of €150,000 based on the latest individualised income figures available to the Revenue Commissioners. — Pearse Doherty. [21404/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue from tapering out the personal, PAYE credit and earned income credit from income in excess of €80,000, a reduced credit by 5% per €1,000 for gross income between €80,000 and €100,000 and a 0% credit on gross income in excess of €100,000 based on the latest individualised income figures available to the Revenue Commissioners. — Pearse Doherty. [21405/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue raised by introducing a third rate of income tax (details supplied) on all income over €100,000 based on the latest individualised income figures available to the Revenue Commissioners. — Pearse Doherty. [21406/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the proposed sale by NAMA of the NARPS special purpose vehicle and the impact of a sale on the long-term security of tenure for the tenants of the 1,230 properties held by same. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21418/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason childminders working in domestic houses are treated as employees; the reason their employers must pay PRSI in respect of this employment; if tax relief for such expenses will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21495/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is permissible under the codes of conduct and consumer protection code of the Central Bank for a lender to charge legal fees to persons that are in arrears; if the Central Bank is in a position to cease this practice from occurring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21505/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which his attention has been drawn to dramatic increases in insurance premiums affecting special needs and other schools, the result of which can only result in closure, in view of the extent of the insurance premium increase in some cases up to 300%; the specific steps he will take to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21523/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review a decision by the Revenue Commissioners to refuse the home renovation incentive to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [21524/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Finance the value of loans issued by Home Building Ireland Finance to date; the number of homes anticipated from the loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [21529/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress made on introducing a simplified process by which small and medium enterprises can avail of the research and development tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21534/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans for insurance reform in relation to family adventure parks in view of the fact that insurance firms are repeatedly loading premiums ultimately resulting in the closure of such businesses and the loss of jobs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [21539/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of abolishing the local property tax and replacing the funding with central funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21604/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised by adding 50c of duty to a packet of 20 cigarettes with proportionate increases on other tobacco products. — Pearse Doherty. [21605/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Finance the budgetary impact of freezing the phasing out of mortgage interest relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21606/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of restoring trade union tax relief at the level it was at before its abolition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21607/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of increasing the earned income credit to the same level as the PAYE credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21608/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of introducing a tax relief of 8.33%, that is equivalent to one month's rent for rent paid by all renters not in receipt of other State assistance on a refundable basis. — Pearse Doherty. [21609/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated overall cost or gain of decreasing the research and development credit to 15% and 20%, respectively generally but increasing it to 30% for SMEs. — Pearse Doherty. [21610/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of increasing the research and development credit for SMEs to 30%. — Pearse Doherty. [21611/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue which would yield from an annual vacant property tax of €2,000, €5,000 and €10,000, respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [21615/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised by introducing a non-principal private residence charge of €400 on properties indicated as such by owners in LPT returns and including commercial landlords but excluding local authorities and approved housing bodies. — Pearse Doherty. [21617/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of cases before the Tax Appeals Commission; the quantum in euro terms of the amount with the Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [21646/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Finance the impact on the general Government balance of the transfer of the €2 billion NAMA surplus for 2020 to the State. — Pearse Doherty. [21664/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans for the €2 billion NAMA surplus to be collected in 2020; the way in which he plans to use it; when he plans to use same; the way in which the transfer of funds will be administered; and the location of its transfer. — Pearse Doherty. [21665/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Finance if the anticipated payment of €2 billion from NAMA in 2020 has been factored into the debt projection in the Stability Programme Update; if not, the way in which it would reduce debt as a quantum and a percentage of GDP and GNI; and if it is fractured in to show the way in which not using it for debt reduction would affect the debt figures. — Pearse Doherty. [21666/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated number of companies that were involved in aircraft leasing assessed to tax in each of the years 2012 to 2018, in tabular form. — Joan Burton. [21667/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated number of companies that were involved in aircraft leasing assessed to tax under section 110 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 in each of the years 2012 to 2018, in tabular form. — Joan Burton. [21668/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated corporation tax yield from companies which were involved in aircraft leasing arising in each of the years 2012 to 2018, in tabular form. — Joan Burton. [21669/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated gross assets of companies that were involved in aircraft leasing in each of the years 2012 to 2018, in tabular form. — Joan Burton. [21670/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated total indebtedness of companies that were involved in aircraft leasing in each of the years 2012 to 2018, in tabular form. — Joan Burton. [21671/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated number of employees directly employed here by companies which were involved in aircraft leasing in each of the years 2012 to 2018, in tabular form. — Joan Burton. [21672/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Finance if Irish actors are required to be hired by a production company for a film to qualify for section 481 tax credit; if so, the status of the roles for the actor, that is, if they are lead roles, support or minor roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [21720/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the situation regarding adults with autism being denied life insurance; his plans to address same to ensure that all persons can access life insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [21743/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a policy in relation to VAT on public projects within his Department; if it applies to all Departments; if it is up to each Department to decide themselves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21832/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council was consulted in relation to the budgetary impacts of the National Broadband Plan. — Michael McGrath. [21857/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of additional customs officials that will be hired due to Brexit; the number of additional hires to date; and the number expected to be in place by 31 October 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [21865/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised by increasing capital gains tax by 3% on passive gains only excluding active gains through the sale of an active business for example. — Pearse Doherty. [21928/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised by increasing capital gains tax by 3%. — Pearse Doherty. [21929/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised by introducing a wealth tax at a rate of 1% set at a personal threshold of €1 million of net wealth with no asset exemptions. — Pearse Doherty. [21932/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised by introducing a wealth tax at a rate of 1% set at a personal threshold of €1 million of net wealth with no asset exemptions with a rising rate of 1% at each additional €500,000 wealth threshold (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [21933/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised by introducing a wealth tax at a rate of 1% set at a personal threshold of €1 million of net wealth with asset exemptions for voluntary pensions and farms. — Pearse Doherty. [21934/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised by introducing a wealth tax at a rate of 1% set at a personal threshold of €1 million of net wealth with asset

exemptions for voluntary pensions and farms with a rising rate of 1% at each additional €500,000 wealth threshold (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [21935/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Finance the expected revenue from ending the capital gains tax exemption from the sale of property held within REITs. — Pearse Doherty. [21939/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Finance the expected revenue from ending the dividend withholding tax exemption for non-resident IREF shareholders from dividends related to the sale of property held within a IREF for five years. — Pearse Doherty. [21940/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue from introducing a minimum dividend withholding tax rate of 25% and of 30% on all dividends paid by REITs. — Pearse Doherty. [21941/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue from introducing a minimum dividend withholding tax rate of 25% and 30%, respectively on all dividends paid by IREFs. — Pearse Doherty. [21942/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that could have been raised if intangible assets onshore between 2015 and 2018 were taxed at the current 80% cap; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21943/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance the additional corporation tax that could be expected if the bailed out banks had applied to them a 25% limit on losses that could be carried forward in any year and a five year absolute limit in which such losses could be used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21946/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised if the remaining action points under BEPS were implemented by the end of 2019. — Pearse Doherty. [21945/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated additional revenue that would be raised by increasing the bank levy by each of 10 percentage points and by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21948/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated saving that would accrue from moving the entire cost of regulation of the financial sector onto the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21949/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated savings that would be made by reducing the maximum tax relief available on private pension contributions to percentage rates (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [21951/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised by reducing the earnings cap for pension contributions from €115,000 to €70,000, €65,000 and €60,000, respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [21952/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised from reducing the standard fund threshold from €2 million to €1.3, €1.5 and €1.7 million, respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [21953/19]

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*197. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised by reducing the tax free lump sum retirement limit from €200,000 to levels (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [21954/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised by reducing the earnings cap for pension contributions from €115,000 to €60,000. — Pearse Doherty. [21955/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of instances each year in which the Central Bank has carried out inspections on lenders in relation to the Code of Conduct on Mortgage Arrears since it was established; the number of instances each year in which the Central Bank has found that the lenders had not complied with the code; the number of instances each year in which the Central Bank has commenced official enforcement proceedings in relation to the code; the number of instances each year in which the Central Bank has imposed sanctions on lenders for non-compliance of the code; the sanctions in each case; the value of fines in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21986/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the impact of putting the Code of Conduct on Mortgage Arrears on a statutory footing either through primary legislation or secondary legislation by way of regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21987/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance if a lender does not have to offer the solutions outlined in paragraph 39 of the Code of Conduct on Mortgage Arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21988/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are provisions in legislation or in the Code of Conduct on Mortgage Arrears that stipulates that the lender at the time of a review must honour the existing arrangement in circumstances in which the financial circumstances of a borrower have not changed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21989/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a legal obligation set out in legislation or in the codes of the Central Bank on a lender to transfer all documentation pertaining to the loan when that loan is sold to another party; if there are data protection considerations in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21990/19]

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

*204. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for the now closed Kill O'The Grange Garda station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21883/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the process of requesting correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [21919/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the remuneration that returning officers receive for carrying out their duties in respect of the 2019 local and European elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21985/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there has been a change of policy to change the use of lodges in the Phoenix Park from use by staff to short-term market rental; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [21376/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Office of Public Works will consider floodlighting Clare Abbey (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [21451/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if signage will be provided in an area (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [21499/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding the ownership of lands at a location (details supplied) which may have been vested in him. — Thomas Byrne. [21555/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount spent in fees to companies (details supplied) by his Department in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Jonathan O’Brien. [21585/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date on which the new mobile phone mast will be installed at Buncrana Garda station. — Pearse Doherty. [21621/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the planned installation of 3G and 4G technology in Buncrana Garda station can be upgraded to 5G in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21622/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment requested a cost analysis of any of the alternative options to the National Broadband Plan; if so, if these were completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [21711/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the projected budgetary impact of the national children’s hospital project from 2019 to 2024 or the latest available date; and the estimated way in which will impact the general Government balance in each affected year in gross, percentage of GDP and percentage of GNI in tabular form. — Jonathan O’Brien. [21820/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the planned capital spending which will be cut or reprofiled from other projects to account for new National Broadband Plan liabilities; the details of each project; the cost of each project being cut or reprofiled; the Department to which this capital spending was originally allocated; in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O’Brien. [21821/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he plans to increase the size of the National Development Plan 2017-2028 to account for the unplanned expense of the National Broadband Plan; if so, the amount; the impact of this increase on the general Government balance in each affected year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O’Brien. [21822/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there is a practice of stating prices for public projects that exclude VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21831/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the mileage rate for public servants using an electric car; the way in which it was calculated when it was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [21970/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the mileage rate for public servants using an electric bicycle; the way in which it was calculated when it was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [21971/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the analysis that has been carried out of the potential to incentivise a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by adjusting the mileage rates for public servants using cars and bicycles of various categories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [21973/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 65 of 10 April 2019, the deadline date for the return of tenders; the number of tenders received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [22046/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 276 of 26 March 2019, if work has commenced on the detailed technical, hydrogeological assessment; if not, when the work will commence; when the completed report is expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [22049/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to visit the Oranmore, Maree and Clarinbridge area of County Galway soon or to ask the Minister of State with responsibility for the OPW to do so to see at first hand the coastal erosion problems in the area and to meet local persons affected by this problem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22078/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW plan to publish the cost-benefit analysis study carried out on the Ardfry coastal erosion problem in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22079/19]

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

*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a teacher that is employed directly by the board of management of their school and is not a direct employee of his Department will be eligible for a public service pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [22018/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the school building programme at a school (details supplied); the estimated time for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [21346/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he is satisfied that the July provision scheme is meeting the needs of children with complex needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21370/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the July provision scheme was reviewed last; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21371/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children that availed of the July provision scheme on an annual basis in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21372/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a report by a person (details supplied) to his Department will be completed; when the report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21373/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in relation to the appointment of a contractor for the construction of an education campus (details supplied) in County Cork; the value of the contract; the expected duration of the build period; when he expects the new schools to be ready for occupancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21383/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will review the home tuition grant application process in order to make it less cumbersome and onerous for parents of children with autism; if his attention has been drawn to criticisms of the application process by parents which requires parents to acquire three refusal letters from schools; his views on whether the home tuition grant applications process could be more streamlined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [21385/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children that applied for a school bus from Quin to Tulla, County Clare; the number refused the service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [21391/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way a conclusion has been reached that Quin, County Clare is closer to Ennis than Tulla, County Clare for the purposes of school transport; the details of same; the route measured; the particular points from which the measurements were taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [21395/19]

*236. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cén gníomhaíochtaí atá ar bun ag a Roinn chun buntáistí an Ghaeloideachais a chur chun cinn i measc an phobail agus chun tuismitheoirí a spreagadh chun an Ghaelscolaíocht a roghnú dá bpáistí tríd an bPróiseas um Athchumrú Scoileanna; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [21407/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter regarding a person (details supplied); when Bus Éireann will be notified of a decision relating to a home pick-up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21420/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the new ratio for SNAs to be allocated to schools (details supplied); the way in which it will be calculated; and the way in which it will work in practice. — Louise O'Reilly. [21424/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the person or body that will provide the training to help SNAs deliver additional services (details supplied); and if SNAs will be issued with new contracts to cover them to deliver these services before the start of the SNA pilot scheme as part of the new inclusion model. — Louise O'Reilly. [21425/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a circular will be issued to all schools with a clearly defined list of SNA duties during holiday periods in view of the difficulties posed to SNAs throughout the month of June and at other times throughout the year when a school may not be

sitting and they may end up having to complete tasks not related to their job. — Louise O'Reilly. [21426/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of applications for works submitted by a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21438/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the lack of places for secondary school students in Ennis for the academic year 2019/2020 will be investigated and addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [21452/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 333 of 8 May 2019, if a transport solution will be provided for pupils based on the fact that there is no room in the local schools and the nearest schools are in Kilkenny city; if he will provide a report on the findings of his Department relative to the matter and the dilemma being faced by parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21454/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status in relation to the inclusion of a person (details supplied) on the supplementary panel for primary teaching; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [21473/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 340 of 8 May 2019, if two places will be provided at a school (details supplied) for two children whose parents have already received written confirmation of offers of places; if both offers will be honoured in view of the fact the letters were issued by the school following consultation with the special education section of his Department; if the consultation between the school and the special education section took place; if two of the four places available out of 12 will be reserved for the two children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21474/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in relation to an education campus development (details supplied) in County Cork; the position in relation to planning permission for the project; the stage of the project; the timeline for its overall development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21502/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if school works and repairs qualify for the summer works scheme; and if not, the funding options available. — James Lawless. [21507/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school place will be sourced for a child (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21510/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which his attention has been drawn to dramatic increases in insurance premiums affecting special needs and other schools, the result of which can only result in closure, in view of the extent of the insurance premium increase in some cases up to 300%; the specific steps he will take to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21522/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school (details supplied) in County Kildare; if the project is on course for 2021; if new or replacement prefab accommodation is being provided in respect of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [21535/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount spent in fees to companies (details supplied) by his Department in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21578/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there is funding available to assist with the transportation of children from economically disadvantaged areas with low school completion levels that live just under the necessary distance for regular bus transportation. — Peadar Tóibín. [21635/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of classes for children with special educational needs in Bray, County Wicklow; the nature of the classes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [21640/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide additional classes for children with special educational needs in Bray, County Wicklow; the timeline for additional classes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [21641/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the construction of a new school (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the lack of an outdoor play area, indoor play area and toilet facilities at its premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21674/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the forecast demand process for an area (details supplied) for primary and post-primary special classes has noted a rise in the number of children seeking places for these classes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21675/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the attention of the NCSE and his Department have been drawn for future reference, to indications of the willingness of schools to establish special classes there including a school (details supplied) in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21676/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the new school inclusion model; the description of behaviour practitioners that will be employed as part of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21677/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if discretion can be given to a national school in circumstances in which pupil numbers drop below the required amount for a three teacher school for a 12 month period in order to boost the numbers back to the required figure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [21679/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress in relation to provision of an extension at a school (details supplied); when plans are likely to progress further; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21764/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a child (details supplied) with Down syndrome and a mild learning disability has been excluded from availing of the July provision; if this is standard practice; the eligibility criteria for the July provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [21801/19]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to introduce art therapy (details supplied) as part of the wider primary school curriculum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21812/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason €153 per fortnight is being withheld from a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [21823/19]

*264. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a decision will issue to a person (details supplied) who has applied for retirement due to ill health; the reason this decision is being delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [21824/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to appoint a clerk of works to all future major school building projects to enhance the oversight and inspection of works when they are being carried out. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21843/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills má eagróidh sé cruinniú práinneach a eagrú le Teachtaí Dála Gaillimh Thiar maidir le scoil (sonraí tugtha); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21854/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the options open to a person (details supplied) in order to undertake third-level studies; if DARE and CAO approval can be restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21877/19]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress on a permanent school building for a school (details supplied); the timeline for the delivery of a permanent school building; his plans to ensure pupils will not have to move to alternative temporary accommodation in February 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [21958/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress on the planning application with Dublin City Council for the temporary accommodation required by a school (details supplied) for September 2019 on the current temporary site of the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [21959/19]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the case of a person (details supplied) whose parents have applied to 42 schools and still cannot secure a placement for their child will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [21962/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a permanent location for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [21968/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the policy on opening new schools without first identifying permanent locations for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [21969/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the lease on the site of the temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied) ends in January 2020; if the progression of the permanent building for the school will be expedited in order that pupils will not have to move again to alternative temporary accommodation in February 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [21976/19]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to ensure that children with autism in areas of Dublin city (details supplied) receive an appropriate education; if the necessary special classes and special schools will be provided for these children; if the National Council for Special Education wrote to him in April 2019 to advise him that sufficient schools will not respond voluntarily to meet the demand; if he will invoke the provisions of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 to ensure that the necessary places are provided; his further plans to ensure that all new schools to be built will have designated classrooms for special needs children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21981/19]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a decision will be made on the application for an ASD unit for a school (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [22004/19]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a decision will be made on an application for additional accommodation for a school (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [22005/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if full-time special needs assistant hours will be put in place for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [22019/19]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the total fee contributions, that is, annual student contribution of apprentices in both higher education and consortia led contexts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [22032/19]

*279. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 94 of 10 April 2019, if the project brief has been finalised; if so, the details of same; when a design team will be appointed for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [22048/19]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of remedial works and the completion of external precautionary measures identified as required for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [22072/19]

*281. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress made to date in considering a protected disclosure (details supplied); when it is likely that the consideration of this matter will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22080/19]

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

*282. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the long delays within the Probate Office; if assistance can be provided to speed up the process of probate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [21879/19]

*283. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the actions he will take following Ireland's endorsement of the Christchurch call to action; and his plans to meet companies to discuss same. — Micheál Martin. [21774/19]

*284. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if accommodation at a centre (details supplied) includes three bunk beds in one room for six applicants; the amount paid for this accommodation; and his views on whether this is humane and adequate accommodation for the persons there. — Bríd Smith. [21352/19]

*285. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the remaining formal decision letters regarding applications to the immigrant investment programme will issue to applicants that applied in 2018; and if all outstanding investor applications from 2018 have been reviewed by the INIS evaluation team. — Robert Troy. [21360/19]

*286. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the delays in processing citizenship applications which are taking in some instances in which all paper work is submitted and in order, longer than the three years which is allowed for processing; his plans to take action to reduce the waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [21463/19]

*287. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the details of the backlog of cases on the courts asylum list; the number of such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [21501/19]

*288. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason the Garda public appointments service does not accept a dyslexic exemption from languages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21509/19]

*289. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount of rent that is being paid to a hotel (details supplied) by An Garda Síochána since January 2017; the reason parts of the hotel have been rented by An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21516/19]

*290. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21525/19]

*291. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount spent in fees to companies (details supplied) by his Department in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21584/19]

*292. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason a person (details supplied) that made an application has been refused. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [21618/19]

*293. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 87 of 28 March 2019, if the person (details supplied) should apply for a work permit in the meantime in order to ensure their employment prospects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21636/19]

*294. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the issues in relation the Garda station in Clonmel, County Tipperary will be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21696/19]

*295. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the statutory timeframe for holding an inquest into the death of a person. — Gerry Adams. [21813/19]

*296. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of inquests pending in County Louth. — Gerry Adams. [21814/19]

*297. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a family is permitted to bring a solicitor to the inquest into the death of a family member. — Gerry Adams. [21876/19]

*298. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the long delays with regard to citizenship applications; if there is a lack of staff to deal with the number of applications; the action he will take to reduce the waiting times on applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [21881/19]

*299. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to develop a new modern Garda station in district F on the site formerly earmarked for a new Garda station along Rochestown Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21884/19]

*300. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of parental supervision orders made under section 111 of the Children Act 2001 in each of the years 2012 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Joan Burton. [21894/19]

*301. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of instances of non-compliance with parental supervision orders issued under the Children Act 2001 in each of the years 2012 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Joan Burton. [21895/19]

*302. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of compensation orders made under section 113 of the Children Act 2001 in each of the years 2012 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Joan Burton. [21896/19]

*303. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of probation and welfare officers appointed to supervise parents or guardians in accordance with the Children Act 2001 in each of the years 2012 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Joan Burton. [21897/19]

*304. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of juveniles and the age of each that have been assigned to Garda juvenile liaison officers in each of the years 2012 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Joan Burton. [21898/19]

*305. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of the most recent recruits from Templemore that are being stationed to County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21902/19]

*306. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of the most recent recruits from Templemore that are being stationed to County Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21903/19]

*307. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of the most recent recruits from Templemore that are being stationed to County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21904/19]

*308. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of the most recent recruits from Templemore that are being stationed to County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21905/19]

*309. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of the most recent recruits from Templemore that are being stationed to County Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21906/19]

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*310. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of the most recent recruits from Templemore that are being stationed to County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21907/19]

*311. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of the most recent recruits from Templemore that are being stationed to County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21908/19]

*312. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of the most recent recruits from Templemore that are being stationed to County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21909/19]

*313. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of the most recent recruits from Templemore that are being stationed to County Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21910/19]

*314. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of the most recent recruits from Templemore that are being stationed to County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21911/19]

*315. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of the most recent recruits from Templemore that are being stationed to County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21912/19]

*316. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of the most recent recruits from Templemore that are being stationed to County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21913/19]

*317. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of the most recent recruits from Templemore that are being stationed to County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21914/19]

*318. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of the most recent recruits from Templemore that are being stationed to County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21915/19]

*319. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of the most recent recruits from Templemore that are being stationed to County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21916/19]

*320. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of a case pursuant to section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21984/19]

*321. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount An Garda Síochána received from organisations (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019, towards policing their events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21992/19]

*322. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application for the 2005 to 2010 student scheme in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22010/19]

*323. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais cé mhéad iarratas a fuarthas sa trí bhabhta dheireannacha earcaíochta a bhí ag an nGarda Síochána; cén líon acu seo i ngach cás a bhain leis an ngnáthshruth earcaíochta agus cén líon acu a bhain leis an sruth sainiúil Gaeilge; cén líon iarratasóirí ar éirigh leo as gach sruth i ngach babhta earcaíochta; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22075/19]

*324. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to address the defamation laws; his further plans to introduce a serious harm test similar to that which is running successfully in the UK; his views on damage claims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [22113/19]

*325. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an application for naturalisation by a person (details supplied) sent by post from Dáil Éireann on 28 March 2019 has been received; when they can expect to receive the return of their British passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22125/19]

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

*326. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if there is basic rate of payment per hour for apprenticeships for electricians; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [21567/19]

*327. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the amount spent in fees to companies (details supplied) by her Department in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21574/19]

*328. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the uptake of all Brexit supports; the number of companies that have sought support and grants; the number of companies that have grants and supports sanctioned to date; the expenditure for each grant and support in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [21864/19]

*329. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation further to Parliamentary Question No 106 of 10 April 2019, the progress made in marketing the site in question; if there have been further meetings between the IDA and the site owners; if there have been site visits from potential investors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [22047/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*330. To ask the Minister for Health the details of pay restoration for healthcare assistants (details supplied) in the HSE since the economic crash; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [21447/19]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health the reason her Department has not paid the gratuity due to certain home help workers in lieu of pension payments in line with recommendations of the Labour Court to date. — Darragh O'Brien. [21829/19]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to open the disability car scheme to new claimants; his further plans to offer disability cars that are more than five years old and have been replaced

to persons not on the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21863/19]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide respite care at another facility for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21356/19]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the development of the remuneration and reimbursement scheme; if the scheme will reopen to new applicants; if so, when the scheme will reopen; the number availing of the scheme by CHO; if there is a waiting list for new applicants; if so, the number on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21358/19]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a hospital appointment. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [21363/19]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health if a full medical card is still in date in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21366/19]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking in conjunction with the HSE to increase levels of pay in the nursing sector; the steps being taken to increase the pay scale for newly qualified nurses; and his views on whether current pay scale rates are causing a large portion of graduates to seek employment overseas and thus denying hospitals here of highly trained personnel. — Robert Troy. [21367/19]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received a report from an organisation (details supplied) on expanding the newborn screening process to include very rare diseases; if proposals are being examined in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21374/19]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 190 of 18 April 2019, if a date for optical surgery will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21386/19]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for surgery in Cappagh Hospital. — Robert Troy. [21393/19]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [21397/19]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the working group report on the model of care for lymphoedema; the actions that will be carried out following same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [21409/19]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 823 of 26 March 2019, the position regarding the provision of a drug (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [21411/19]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme; the average waiting time; the number of persons awaiting placement by local health area in tabular form; and the length of time waiting. — Stephen Donnelly. [21422/19]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the reason pre-fair deal hospital patients must pay an additional €2 of their €5 pension increase to the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21423/19]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 624 of 8 May 2019, the mileage on each ambulance by location in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [21428/19]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding the HSE requested for the drugs budget for 2019; and the amount of new funding requested by the HSE. — Louise O'Reilly. [21429/19]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding the HSE requested for the drugs budget for 2019 for new medicines. — Louise O'Reilly. [21430/19]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health the section of the HSE or his Department under which social prescribing falls. — Louise O'Reilly. [21432/19]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be forthcoming to continue to support the Waterford Social Prescribing Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [21433/19]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be forthcoming to roll out social prescribing across the health service in view of the successes of social prescribing in counties Donegal, Waterford and Dublin 8. — Louise O'Reilly. [21434/19]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for funding under the cross-Border directive for a person (details supplied) in County Cork will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [21442/19]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health the status of freestyle libre being available on the long-term illness scheme for persons over 21 years of age and in the short-term making it exempt from VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21444/19]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to update the criteria for the long term illness card (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [21448/19]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the submission of a business plan for additional staffing in a service (details supplied); the position of the HSE on same; when he expects same will be approved and finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [21449/19]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the turnaround times for cross border directive applications; the average time it is taking for each application to be finalised in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [21450/19]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE property management division for Kilkenny city will examine its portfolio of properties to determine if it can assist an organisation (details supplied) in establishing a base for its activity. — John McGuinness. [21455/19]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for each of the services in CHO9 by periods (details supplied) in view of the fact that the HSE was contacted directly for this information but

has not responded to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21458/19]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a site for a primary care centre at Hassetts Cross, County Limerick was initially approved by the HSE and then rejected; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this contract was subsequently retendered and granted to a company comprised of former HSE executives and employees; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the successful company does not own the sites indicated and that neither of them are currently for sale; if the successful tender by the company meets the tender criteria in particular that its supporting doctors' patients must be primarily resident within the designated area; if he will direct the HSE to publish a list of the supporting doctors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [21459/19]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment to attend the National Rehabilitation Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [21461/19]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21462/19]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) can expect to receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [21472/19]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid for nursing care services provided to the HSE from companies (details supplied) in each of the past five years; the amount paid by a centre over the same period to each of the companies; the procurement process used in each case; the date each company was reviewed in terms of cost; the hourly rate paid to agency staff in this sector; the figure compared to the hourly rate paid to the companies involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21475/19]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health if the staff located at a centre (details supplied) have agreed to a redeployment within the HSE; if each staff member has been given details of their original contract; if his Department will sanction a redundancy package for an employee that cannot be redeployed or that does not want to option of being redeployed; if the centre has consulted with the HSE on the issue of redundancy; if his Department is involved in these discussions or consultations; if the person or persons in the centre and the HSE will arrange to meet this Deputy and the employees to clarify all of these matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21485/19]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a child (details supplied) had to spend 110 days in hospital awaiting the provision of the correct type of wheelchair thus incurring costs in maintaining them in hospital of approximately €130,000 in comparison to the cost of the wheelchair; and if consideration will be given to having two separate funding streams, for wheelchairs appliances, respectively, thus ensuring that those in urgent need of specialised wheelchairs do not have to wait resulting in serious medical conditions arising. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [21488/19]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be called for an urgent surgical procedure. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [21489/19]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health if the number of outpatient appointments provided and then cancelled in respect of a person (details supplied) will be investigated with a view to clarifying the position. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [21490/19]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with the Rehab Group on an ongoing basis to discuss its financial difficulties which could result in the ceasing of operations in 2020; if funding of €2 million per annum will be provided by the HSE to the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21491/19]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received the report from the group set up to examine the public private mix in public hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21492/19]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the recruitment of consultants; if the overall vacancy rate is improving; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21493/19]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health when he and his officials met following the most recent High Court judgement that required absolute certainty in the CervicalCheck screening programme; the actions he is taking to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21494/19]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health if a child (details supplied) will receive adequate speech and language therapy and occupational therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21496/19]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the work of the multidisciplinary working group to assist in the development and preparation of the code of practice for the advance healthcare directives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [21506/19]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health when the independent review group to examine the removal of private practice from public acute hospitals will report; and when the report will be published. — Stephen Donnelly. [21512/19]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health if additional homecare hours can be provided to persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [21519/19]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21533/19]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding follow-up procedures for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [21550/19]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health the annual HSE budget for full-time residential care for persons with disabilities nationally. — Gerry Adams. [21557/19]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health if he will direct the HSE to review the level of home help hours in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21559/19]

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*380. To ask the Minister for Health if the healthcare assessment and needs of children suspected of having foetal valproate syndrome will be prioritised; if there will be no delays in diagnosis and service provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [21563/19]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical trials conducted on sodium valproate prior to its licensing here in 1975; if no clinical trials were conducted here, the international clinical trial data used as the basis for its approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [21565/19]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reduce the waiting list for speech therapy in County Meath from three years. — Thomas Byrne. [21566/19]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address matters regarding the appointment of staff (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [21568/19]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent in fees to companies (details supplied) by his Department in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21582/19]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health his attention has been drawn to the fact that the management of Cork University Hospital has cancelled the contract for the bone densitometry unit in the hospital and has made alternate arrangements elsewhere with a company (details supplied); if public patients will no longer be accommodated in the bone densitometry unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21591/19]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21593/19]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce more beds in Kerry University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21594/19]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the abolition of a clause (details supplied) in view of the difficulties arising for parents. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [21595/19]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the situation affecting the availability of ambulances (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [21623/19]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health if a date for surgery will be expedited for a person (details supplied); the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21633/19]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health the supports provided for children diagnosed with autism in Bray, County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [21642/19]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be assisted in securing an appliance. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [21644/19]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the loco parentis rule within paediatric homecare packages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21645/19]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the proposed changes to the fair deal scheme taking into account the position of farming assets held by persons that are under the scheme; the timeline for the report to be published and implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [21650/19]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health if the decision to disallow an application for a medical card will be reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21652/19]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health if a child (details supplied) can be admitted for surgery. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [21660/19]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding medical intervention in respect of a child (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [21663/19]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health if matters regarding University Hospital Kerry will be addressed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21684/19]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health the number of tenders received for the provision of respite services at a centre (details supplied) with respect to the most recent competition for the procurement of the services; the name of the organisation in the case of each tender submission received; the respite hours each organisation is willing to provide per week; if submissions stipulated a willingness to provide weekend cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21699/19]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health if software (details supplied) is being used by the HSE; if not, the reason therefor; the cost breakdown for the software; if new softwares have been or will be acquired; his plans in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [21734/19]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff working in the health service in each of the years 2008 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by occupation. — Louise O’Reilly. [21744/19]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health the reason student nurses are now being calculated as one full whole-time equivalent nurse in view of the fact that previously they were calculated as a 0.5 whole-time equivalent nurse (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [21745/19]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the development of an annual bulletin or scorecard to evaluate progress in the national obesity plan further to a debate in Dáil Éireann (details supplied); when the framework will be finalised; when the qualitative assessment of progress in implementing the national obesity policy and action plan will be compiled and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [21746/19]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health if he or Ministers of State at his Department have visited University Hospital Kerry in view of the developing situation for patients that had their scans missed or misread there; and if not, his plans to visit the hospital. — Louise O’Reilly. [21747/19]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he is taking to increase capacity in view of the continuous overcrowding at University Hospital Limerick; and if additional capacity in Ennis

Hospital and surrounding hospitals will be utilised to reduce pressure on the hospital. — Louise O'Reilly. [21748/19]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a dental procedure for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21749/19]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reverse the reduction in the income threshold for persons over 70 years of age applying for the medical card which came into effect from 1 January 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [21750/19]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE Leadership Team met on 14 May 2019 to consider additional information submitted by the manufacturer of the drug spinraza; and when the team will make a final decision on the reimbursement of the drug based on this information. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21754/19]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical device (details supplied) is covered under the drug reimbursement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21756/19]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health if and when a medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21758/19]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for therapy; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21791/19]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to providing additional home help hours for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21798/19]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to providing additional home help hours for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21799/19]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for a home support service in each area of CHO2; the number of persons on a waiting list for an increase in home support hours in each area of CHO2; the number waiting for periods (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21800/19]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health if the funding for the proposed 50 bed unit for Portiuncula Hospital is ring-fenced in view of the overspend for the national children's hospital; and the timeframe for the delivery of the unit. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21803/19]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health the status in relation to the recruitment of a key worker for teenagers with physical sensory disabilities for County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [21811/19]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for patients that are waiting on an appointment with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in County Kildare. — James Lawless. [21816/19]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [21818/19]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health when the gratuity payment due to certain home help workers will be made in lieu of pension payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [21828/19]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a primary care centre for Tullow, County Carlow. — Pat Deering. [21842/19]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect a MRI scan to be carried out at Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21845/19]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal is on the routine or urgent waiting list for a knee operation to be carried out in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21855/19]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a date for a knee operation to be carried out in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21856/19]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health if reimbursement of FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring systems pursuant to recommendation 2 of the Health Technology Assessment Group advice note 2017/001 was considered; if so, the decision made; when the decision was made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21859/19]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health if fibromyalgia will be included on the long term illness card scheme in view of the fact that the condition is now recognised as same in Northern Ireland. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [21861/19]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health the date and time of all meetings, consultations, correspondence and the purposes of each, between Ministers or officials and a person (details supplied) since they undertook work in relation to CervicalCheck; if similar information will be provided regarding meetings between HSE officials and the person for the same time period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21862/19]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health if suitable homecare hours will be made available to a person (details supplied). — James Lawless. [21868/19]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health the 2019 current funding deficit for section 39 disability organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21870/19]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health the amount in advance loans funding given to an organisation (details supplied) by the HSE in each of the past five years; the purpose of the funding; the reason the funding is not provided as part of the normal service agreement with the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21871/19]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health the number and value of loans that have been advanced to each section 39 disability organisation since 2014, in tabular form; the reason for such loans;

the reason the funding is not being provided as part of the HSE service agreement with these organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21872/19]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health the date, attendees and purpose of all meetings between his Department and RehabCare since 1 May 2016; and the date, attendees and purpose of all meetings between the HSE and RehabCare since 1 May 2016. — Alan Kelly. [21873/19]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health the status of services in Cappoquin health centre since the departure of the regular general practitioner there; the status of all patient records in the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21874/19]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health if a product (details supplied) will be placed on the list of medications that are covered under the medical card. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21878/19]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the centre of excellence promised for the Ennis region after the downgrading of Ennis and Nenagh hospitals has not been delivered; when it will be delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [21887/19]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health the process which was undertaken before the downgrading of Ennis and Nenagh hospitals to ensure that University Hospital Limerick would have the necessary capacity to cope with the centralisation of emergency care in the region. — Louise O'Reilly. [21888/19]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the research of a person (details supplied) which estimates that as many as 350 patients die each year as a direct result of overcrowding in hospitals; and the reason no perceived discernible action is being taken to combat hospital overcrowding. — Louise O'Reilly. [21889/19]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health if all additional capacity in the Limerick, Clare and Tipperary region will be considered to relieve the pressure on University Hospital Limerick (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [21890/19]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health if access to a dietician will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [21891/19]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health the body to which concerned families can refer to for accountability in circumstances in which a post-mortem report contains serious inaccuracies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [21899/19]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health the status of medical equipment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21918/19]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a recent case of CPE on a children's ward in University Hospital Limerick; and his views on the fact that the hospital is not fully equipped to prevent the spread of CPE in view of this latest case. — Clare Daly. [21966/19]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health if funding from the National Lottery to organisations supporting polio survivors has been cut; if so, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [21972/19]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health when the national donor conceived person register will be established with regard to the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [21974/19]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health when the appropriate legislative, regulatory and operational mechanisms are expected to be implemented in order to allow the commencement of Parts 2 and 3 of the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015. — Catherine Martin. [21975/19]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health if the use of surgical mesh is suspended in view of circumstances in the UK; if he is considering launching a full inquiry into this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [21978/19]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 332 of 2 April 2019, when a person (details supplied) will be seen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [21979/19]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health if the in loco parentis rule being applied by the HSE in respite care has been revised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [21980/19]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health the services available in Mullingar, County Westmeath for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [21982/19]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that visited the accident and emergency department of Beaumont Hospital in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; the timeframe for the construction of a new accident and emergency department at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21991/19]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure to be followed for clients or relatives that have had a poor care experience with an outsourced company; the department of the HSE which deals with these complaints; the person or body within the public health system that has responsibility for handling complaints for outsourced companies working on HSE care packages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [22007/19]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a free foot assessment service for persons with diabetes has been withdrawn from north County Dublin; and the steps he will take to reinstate same. — Clare Daly. [22009/19]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health the outcome of the HSE Leadership Team meeting on 14 May 2019 with respect to the issue of spinraza; and when the drug will be made available to those that need it. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22020/19]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to a mechanism to force a doctor already struck off the register for offences and misconduct to present themselves to answer new charges of misconduct leading to the death of a patient; his views on whether it is unfair that such charges be brought merely on the grounds that the doctor is already struck off; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [22021/19]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct the HSE to acknowledge that ME can lead to disability from mild to profound; if the HSE will add ME to its list of disabilities (details supplied); his views on whether access to assessment for home support and personal assistance

should be through disability services not older person's services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [22022/19]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used here to diagnose the neurological disease myalgic encephalomyelitis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [22023/19]

*456. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop guidelines for myalgic encephalomyelitis relevant to Ireland; if contemporary research will be referenced in relation to same rather than relying on same from the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [22024/19]

*457. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will implement the international consensus criteria for myalgic encephalomyelitis in order that persons with ME can get a clear diagnosis as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [22025/19]

*458. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct the HSE to develop a clear pathway of care for persons with ME with prompt access to specialists and treatments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [22026/19]

*459. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the lack of specialist consultants for myalgic encephalomyelitis; his views on whether ME is a multisystem disease involving many areas with many debilitating symptoms which require patients to see many consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [22027/19]

*460. To ask the Minister for Health if he will designate myalgic encephalomyelitis as a reportable health condition in order to obtain robust official collection of data on the number of children, young persons and adults with the condition and the degrees of severity of the condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [22028/19]

*461. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct the HSE to update its diagnostic and treatment procedures for persons with myalgic encephalomyelitis to reflect best international practice; if he will address the lack of specialist support within the health service for those suffering with the condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [22029/19]

*462. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [22041/19]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health if doctors involved in the general medical scheme can charge patients for a routine blood test in circumstances in which they have a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22077/19]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health the services available to a person (details supplied) for respite physiotherapy and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [22098/19]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a full-time general practitioner service in areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22114/19]

*466. To ask the Minister for Health the intervention services available to a child (details supplied) in County Cork; his plans to provide services for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22124/19]

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

*467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to deal with the increasing population in the deer herd here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21355/19]

*468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of support for the agri-food sector from the EU as a Brexit mitigation measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [21361/19]

*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the herd number of a person (details supplied) was ceased; and when the process to deem the herd number dormant commenced. — John McGuinness. [21365/19]

*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a felling licence will be issued to a person (details supplied). — Anne Rabbitte. [21380/19]

*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total kill of steer and heifers for 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21466/19]

*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total kill of steer and heifers under 30 months of age for 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21467/19]

*473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of steer and heifers that failed to qualify for the inspect bonus on the basis of not having spent 70 days on the last farm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21468/19]

*474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of steer and heifers that failed to qualify for the inspect bonus on the basis of having three movements and four residencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21469/19]

*475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of steer and heifers under 30 months of age that were graded between 0=2+ and U+4=, that is, the cattle on the mechanical grading system that qualified for the inspect bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21470/19]

*476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage breakdown of the number of cattle in each of the years 2012 to 2018, killed that were categorised as Ps, Os, Us and Es; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21471/19]

*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of efforts to combat ash dieback; if an assessment of the economic cost of the disease has been undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [21486/19]

*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the operation of the beef environmental efficiency pilot scheme; if there has been broad national interest in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [21487/19]

*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the valuation of pedigree bulls (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21508/19]

*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent in fees to companies (details supplied) by his Department in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21573/19]

*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a forestry application (details supplied) in County Clare; when it is likely to be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [21612/19]

*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a forestry application (details supplied) in County Clare; when it is likely to be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [21614/19]

*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a hardship payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21624/19]

*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding assistance to beef farmers in respect of funding in view of the difficult trading situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [21647/19]

*485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding increasing the payment under the suckler cow scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [21648/19]

*486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the review of the disadvantaged areas and the terms of reference of this review; when this review is expected to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [21649/19]

*487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a request for support and exceptional aid has been made to the European Commission in the context of additional funding being required to address the significant crisis for farmers; if so, the measures sought in the request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [21686/19]

*488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if plans have been put in place to have all the necessary EID readers in situ in marts and factories in time for the mandatory electronic identification process on 1 June 2019, in view of the fact that it has been mandatory for sheep farmers to purchase EID tags since October 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [21687/19]

*489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an assurance can be provided for farmers that as and from 1 June 2019, all of the sheep that pass through marts and factories will be read electronically and digital printouts will be made available to farmers as a matter of course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [21688/19]

*490. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given to seek protected geographical indication status exclusively for suckler beef rather than the entire herd, enabling suckler beef to be sold as a premium product; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [21689/19]

*491. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter regarding farm payments in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21719/19]

*492. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of significant wildfires that have occurred in forested areas under his aegis since 1 January 2018; his plans to undertake a damage assessment of each of these wildfires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [21808/19]

*493. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the Brexit related supports available under the remit of his Department; the uptake of each support; the expenditure to date in relation to same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [21866/19]

*494. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of meat plants here that have applied for certification by the Chinese Certification and Accreditation Agency since April 2018; the name of each plant; the date of application for certification for each plant; the status of each application; the number of plants that are still awaiting certification; the representations his Department has made to Chinese officials to achieve certification for the remaining plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [21931/19]

*495. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if medical evidence in support of a withdrawal from the beef data scheme has been reviewed in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22057/19]

*496. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made in relation to an application for GLAS by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22073/19]

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

*497. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the liability of companies (details supplied) for the execution of the National Broadband Plan contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [21690/19]

*498. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the vehicle by which the State could enforce a liability against creditors of a company (details supplied) in the case that it runs into financial difficulties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [21691/19]

*499. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason stakeholders require planning permission to repair habitat that has been damaged by OPW arterial drainage, that is, damaged without planning permission further to flood relief; and the reason Inland Fisheries Ireland is not using its own exemptions for planning permission to carry out instream repair and enhancement. — John Lahart. [21825/19]

*500. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the point at which instream fishery work became a matter for local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21826/19]

*501. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason Inland Fisheries Ireland is doing nothing to prevent raw sewage continually running into the waterways that it is responsible for protecting during high water events (details supplied). — John Lahart. [21827/19]

*502. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has been advised as to the likely rate of take-up under the National Broadband Plan of high speed broadband by homes and businesses in the State Intervention area; if he has assessed the consequences of a low take-up rate on the average cost per household; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [22002/19]

*503. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to introduce legislation to provide independent oversight of the social media sector to ensure that it operates its policies to remove content from social media in a fair and equitable manner and to provide a mechanism for persons to appeal its censorship decisions to a State agency that would be independent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22082/19]

*504. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to establish a digital commissioner; and his plans to meet the companies to discuss same. — Micheál Martin. [21774/19]

*505. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has powers or responsibility to ensure a road with four individual properties is serviced by a refuse collection by at least one of the companies operating within the area. — Robert Troy. [21362/19]

*506. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of plans for broadband to be installed at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21369/19]

*507. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1225, 1226, 1227 and 1228 of 8 May 2019, the angling federations and stakeholders he has met with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [21377/19]

*508. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he plans to take to repair relations between Inland Fisheries Ireland and its stakeholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [21378/19]

*509. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the lack of involvement by Inland Fisheries Ireland in the Bandon flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [21379/19]

*510. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of briefings by phone or in writing given by officials of his Department to a person (details supplied); the content of those briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [21382/19]

*511. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason Eircodes are only updated four times a year; if his attention has been drawn to a situation by which persons are unable to access broadband due to the fact that Eircodes are not updated (details supplied); his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [21396/19]

*512. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the provision of broadband to a property (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21412/19]

*513. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the provision of broadband to a property (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21413/19]

*514. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the provision of broadband to a property (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21414/19]

*515. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the provision of broadband to a property (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21415/19]

*516. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the provision of broadband to a property (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21416/19]

*517. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason broadband cannot be rolled out to all houses in an area (details supplied) in view of the fact a number of houses in the area have been successfully connected. — Louise O'Reilly. [21464/19]

*518. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the long-term plans for Cullion fish farm, Mullingar, County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [21500/19]

*519. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount spent in fees to companies (details supplied) and to private audit and advisory firms by his Department in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21589/19]

*520. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the e fibre broadband roll out with reference to a location (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21597/19]

*521. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if companies (details supplied) provided confirmation of support for another company as part of the tendering process for the National Broadband Plan; the confirmation sought and received; if either company completed a pre-qualification questionnaire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [21692/19]

*522. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the contract for the National Broadband Plan precludes the sale of companies (details supplied); if so, the nature of this clause; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [21693/19]

*523. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the actions taken in considering the renationalisation of Eir; the meetings held with Eir; the reports received by him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [21694/19]

*524. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the issues raised by a person (details supplied) at a meeting in New York at which the National Broadband Plan was discussed; if officials or he subsequently met with this person to discuss the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [21695/19]

*525. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount spent to date in 2019 on the National Broadband Plan; the amount expected to be spent in 2019 on the Plan; if it is below the €75 million allocated under the National Development Plan 2018-2027; if funding can be carried forward to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [21708/19]

*526. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the costed alternatives that were considered in relation to the National Broadband Plan; and the amount each alternative would have cost. — Barry Cowen. [21709/19]

*527. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the cost-benefit analyses conducted by his Department or on behalf of his Department with regard to each alternative option considered for the National Broadband Plan; the costs of each of the options considered; the meetings and or communications with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to these options; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [21710/19]

*528. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the state aid implications of a new State agency tasked with delivering the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [21712/19]

*529. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the costs arising in the National Broadband Plan from connecting new fibre assets to metropolitan area networks in which fibre provided is available through other providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [21713/19]

*530. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeline for the development of each cost-benefit analysis of the National Broadband Plan; the timeline of the errors identified in a cost-benefit analysis conducted by a company (details supplied) which were subsequently corrected; when this was communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [21714/19]

*531. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if and when high speed broadband services will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21759/19]

*532. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if and when high speed broadband services will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21760/19]

*533. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if and when high speed broadband services will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21761/19]

*534. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if and when high speed broadband services will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21762/19]

*535. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if and when high speed broadband services will be provided to persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21763/19]

*536. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the level in volume of biofuel in the fuel mix of the transport sector; his views on whether the target of 11% by 2020 will be reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [14929/19]

*537. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the work of the Action Plan for Rural Development specifically relating to the roll out of broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15417/19]

*538. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21341/19]

*539. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the unit price of cable per kilometre in the context of the National Broadband Plan; the number of optic strands per cable line; the price of infrastructure rental; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [21654/19]

*540. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if it is normal practice for his Department to quote costs of projects within it as excluding VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21834/19]

*541. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when access to high speed broadband will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21885/19]

*542. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated equity value of the national high speed broadband network in the National Broadband Plan upon its completion. — Joan Burton. [21999/19]

*543. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of premises that will not be provided with fibre connections under the National Broadband Plan; and the alternatives that will be provided for these premises. — Joan Burton. [22000/19]

*544. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he plans to disclose the names of shareholders, equity owners in companies and other ownership vehicles linked to the consortium appointed as a favoured bidder in the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [22001/19]

*545. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the power stations at Lanesboro and Shannonbridge. — Robert Troy. [22031/19]

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*546. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 160 of 10 April 2019, when tenders will be invited for the remediation project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [22045/19]

*547. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if plans are in place to increase the use of wind energy as a means of meeting targets in line with decarbonisation requirements; the extent to which the major renewables can be utilised to mount an accelerated campaign to catch up with EU identified targets within a reasonable time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22099/19]

*548. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount of electricity being generated from onshore wind, offshore wind, hydro and solar sources; the extent to which this can now form part of a reliable electricity grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22100/19]

*549. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the degree to which potential signs for failure to meet carbon reduction targets can be set against the cost of providing extra renewable electricity generating capacity in view of the fact that the provision of extra generating capacity is more productive and better use of resources than payment of fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22101/19]

*550. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the degree to which micro-generation accounts for reliable electricity generating capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22102/19]

*551. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which the cost of producing electricity compares with other countries throughout Europe with particular reference to maintaining competitiveness throughout industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22103/19]

*552. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the degree to which he expects broadband to meet the requirements of industry and the domestic sector over the next ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22104/19]

*553. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the postal services including counter services and the network of offices nationally can be utilised to deliver other services compatible with those provided by An Post and the retention of the maximum number of jobs in the postal sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22105/19]

*554. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which he can encourage an accelerated programme to discourage the use of single-use plastics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22106/19]

*555. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which mobile telephonic services can be upgraded to ensure the availability of improved coverage and quality of sound in view of the fact that several areas nationally can only rely on a very basic service which is not in keeping with best international standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22107/19]

*556. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans and vision for improved carbon reduction throughout industry; if he has had discussions with his Ministerial colleagues with a view to strategic and selective afforestation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22108/19]

*557. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the degree to which anaerobic digesters contribute to energy production and carbon reduction; the extent to which this can be improved in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22109/19]

*558. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which best practice and efficient and effective delivery of high speed, high quality broadband nationally will derive from the recently announced National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22110/19]

*559. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which the cost of providing broadband internationally is increasing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22111/19]

*560. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which reliance on landfill waste disposal facilities continues to be monitored with particular reference to the utilisation of best practice in terms of reduce, reuse and recycle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22112/19]

*561. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the additional resources put in place to implement the RESS in view of it being three years late; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [22119/19]

*562. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will direct ESBN and EirGrid to deploy additional resources in order to connect renewable generators to the grid faster in view of the fact that a climate emergency has been declared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [22120/19]

*563. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will direct all parties involved to speed up the allocation of grid capacity for renewable generators in view of the fact that a climate emergency has been declared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [22121/19]

*564. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the additional powers or funding that he may hold to fast track projects on both the prevention, that is, energy efficiency, renewable generation and so on and adaptation, that is, flood defences and so on measures necessary in view of the fact that a climate emergency has been declared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [22123/19]

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

*565. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the regularity with which communication is received by Garda Headquarters from the Road Safety Authority informing it of drivers that have reached disqualification levels due to the accumulation of penalty points; the way in which An Garda Síochána is informed; the follow-up that takes place with drivers that do

not surrender their licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21457/19]

*566. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be made available to Meath County Council to progress the initial stages of identifying a preferred option for the proposed Julianstown bypass; if support will be provided for the project; if funding will be fast-tracked for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21368/19]

*567. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the proposed west Clare greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [21446/19]

*568. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will report on the process of the Road Safety Authority of informing drivers when they have reached the disqualification levels due to the accumulation of penalty points; when An Garda Síochána is informed of the disqualification; the way in which An Garda Síochána is informed; the follow-up that takes place with drivers that do not surrender their licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21456/19]

*569. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the decision of Dublin Port to restrict the number of cruise ships visiting from 2021; his views on whether implementing this policy will have a negative impact on the tourism offering not just in Dublin but will also have knock-on effects elsewhere due to a reduction in the number of cruise ships visiting ports such as Cork; the steps he plans to take to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21460/19]

*570. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the level of wheelchair access and related supports available on public transport; if he is satisfied that they meet the needs of service users; his plans to introduce more supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21503/19]

*571. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of penalty points issued in each county in respect of each offence in the past year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [21521/19]

*572. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a review will be conducted into the provision of the LocalLink service in north County Leitrim in order to seek to improve the levels of service provision to villages such as Kiltyclogher, Rossinver and Dromahair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [21530/19]

*573. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding is being provided to allow for the completion of the Athy southern distributor road; and if the funding will be affected by the high cost overruns of the National Broadband Plan. — Seán Crowe. [21556/19]

*574. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount spent in fees to companies (details supplied) by his Department in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21588/19]

*575. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address the ongoing issue passengers travelling from counties Westmeath and Longford are experiencing with overloaded train carriages on certain services. — Robert Troy. [21599/19]

*576. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if any of the documents submitted with an application for a sports capital grant for an applicant (details supplied) invalidate the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [21673/19]

*577. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of times driver instructors have to sit their test; the reason for the frequency of tests; the cost of the test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [21683/19]

*578. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to planned changes to the 126 bus route in order to address the issues with unreliability on the route. — James Lawless. [21751/19]

*579. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of applications made to the NTA by an organisation (details supplied) for new bus routes which are awaiting a decision; the proposed new routes; and when the NTA plans to make decisions on the applications. — Thomas Byrne. [21753/19]

*580. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason drivers that hold a manual driving licence in the B category and an automatic licence in a bus or truck category cannot have their licence upgraded to allow them to drive manual buses and trucks as is the case in other European countries such as the UK; if such a move is being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [21802/19]

*581. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the substantial cuts imposed on members of a scheme (details supplied) in advance of the sale of the stake of the State in a company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [21838/19]

*582. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the 2019 capital sports grants scheme will be published in order to enable sports and community groups and associations to apply for much needed funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [21841/19]

*583. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to or if he has had discussions in relation to introducing direct flights between Ireland and Brazil in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [21882/19]

*584. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated cost of abolishing a charge (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [21957/19]

*585. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he is taking to ensure that there is an adequate bus service on the Borris-in-Ossory and Mounthraught to Portlaoise route; and when the tender will be completed for same. — Brian Stanley. [21960/19]

*586. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the completion of the N7 motorway road widening works. — Brian Stanley. [21961/19]

*587. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the rise in anti-social behaviour such as intimidation, vandalism, assault and theft on Irish Rail, Luas and Dublin Bus services; his plans to address same; his further plans to increase safety measures

on public transport more generally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [22003/19]

*588. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the issue of anti-social behaviour on DART services will be addressed particularly in evening and night-time; his views on whether the level of anti-social behaviour warrants examining practices in other countries such as transport police; and the way in which he will address the issue for DART users particularly on northbound services. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [22036/19]

*589. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which he can improve the transport service for the area of North King Street and Bolton Street and in particular link Smithfield to existing rail stations such as Drumcondra through bus services; if BusConnects will address this corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [22037/19]

*590. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which he can improve the turnaround time for applicants for public service vehicle licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [22038/19]

*591. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the cost of car insurance particularly for persons that operate taxis; his further views on whether the recommendations from the working group are not having the desired effect on premiums resulting in persons leaving the industry; and the way in which he can assist drivers while recognising that insurance premiums are a commercial matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [22039/19]

*592. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has received an application for funding from Kildare County Council for the provision of a swimming pool at Maynooth, County Kildare; if the application is deemed acceptable; when a decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [22042/19]

*593. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of expressions of interest received from contractors by the closing date of 13 May 2019 for the DART expansion multi-disciplinary consultancy team for the Maynooth line and city centre enhancements; when tenders will be invited for the work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [22044/19]

*594. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he is taking to ensure that there is an adequate bus service on the Borris-in-Ossory/Mountrath to Portlaoise route; and when the tender will be completed. — Brian Stanley. [22056/19]

*595. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if consideration will be given to reducing the financial contribution in respect of the community involvement scheme from 15% to 5% or 10 % as per the local improvement scheme making it more palatable to the general public and allow longer roads to be upgraded at reasonable cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [22071/19]

*596. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding allocated to each Dublin local authority for road improvement works in 2018 and 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [22115/19]

*597. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding drawn down by each Dublin local authority under the roads restoration improvement grant in 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [22116/19]

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

*598. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of ECCE places available; and the number of ECCE eligible children by county in tabular form. — Anne Rabbitte. [21543/19]

*599. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount of funding provided to each community childcare committee by county in each of the past five years in tabular form. — Anne Rabbitte. [21544/19]

*600. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children on waiting lists for an ECCE place by county in tabular form. — Anne Rabbitte. [21545/19]

*601. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of playgrounds developed annually since 2012 under the capital grant scheme for play and recreation; the details of new or refurbished playgrounds by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [21546/19]

*602. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of refuge places available in Tusla funded accommodation in each of the years 2013 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Anne Rabbitte. [21547/19]

*603. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of AIM applications made in each county since 2015, by AIM level and year in tabular form. — Anne Rabbitte. [21548/19]

*604. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount spent in fees to companies (details supplied) by her Department in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21575/19]

*605. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount of funding allocated to domestic violence emergency refuges and step down accommodation for 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21631/19]

*606. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of teenage girls that became pregnant in residential care in each of the years 2015 to 2018. — Clare Daly. [21653/19]

*607. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there will be a formal investigation into a person (details supplied) and their work with Tusla. — Clare Daly. [21685/19]

*608. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason she has not made herself available to receive a petition in person from a service provider (details supplied) in County Donegal; if she will be available in future to meet with representatives from the organisation with a view to discussing service provision, funding and other related matters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21698/19]

*609. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if an outreach worker has been appointed to a refuge (details supplied) to specifically deal with County Carlow; and if so, when this post will be commenced. — Kathleen Funchion. [21848/19]

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*610. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if additional funding has been provided for a refuge (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [21849/19]

*611. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of Tusla payments for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21926/19]

*612. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to request Tusla to maintain a record of the number of girls in residential care that become pregnant while in care in view of the fact that it does not keep such records. — Clare Daly. [22011/19]

*613. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views in regard to the safeguarding of children in residential care in view of the fact that young boys and girls are regularly housed together in residential care houses and that 24 hour supervision is impossible. — Clare Daly. [22012/19]

*614. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to provide enhanced funding to a group (details supplied) to carry out youth counselling work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22081/19]

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

*615. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount spent in fees to companies (details supplied) by his Department in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21586/19]

*616. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which persons can source information in relation to a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [21875/19]

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

*617. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection his views on a matter in relation to community employment scheme supervisors (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21735/19]

*618. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of an increase in bands of employer's and employee's PRSI to reflect a minimum wage of €11.80 per hour. — Pearse Doherty. [21930/19]

*619. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated revenue that would be raised by introducing a new employers' rate of PRSI of 12.75%, 13.75%, 14.75% and 15.75%, respectively on the portion of salary paid in excess of €100,000 per annum. — Pearse Doherty. [21950/19]

*620. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21375/19]

*621. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension appeal by a person (details supplied). — Eamon Scanlon. [21421/19]

*622. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a spouse does not receive a widowed parent grant after the death of their partner in circumstances (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [21427/19]

*623. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied) which is now under appeal will be expedited and approved; and if an oral hearing will be granted to assist an early outcome. — John McGuinness. [21440/19]

*624. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the legal basis of the Public Services Card; her views on the concerns persons may have in relation to data protection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [21453/19]

*625. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the method of calculation conducted in the 2012 pension review of a person (details supplied); if this method of calculation differs from other persons in the pension review process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [21517/19]

*626. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the 2012 pension review; the number of persons that had their pension entitlement reviewed; the numbers awaiting a review; the number of persons issued with a high rate of pension; the number of persons whose pension has remained unchanged in tabular form; if concerns have been raised regarding persons being excluded from the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [21520/19]

*627. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount spent in fees to companies (details supplied) by her Department in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21579/19]

*628. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on a carer's benefit application by a person (details supplied) in County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [21632/19]

*629. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 1413 of 8 May 2019, if the level of funding or support or lack thereof has been considered by her Department (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21657/19]

*630. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to engage with community employment supervisors to find a satisfactory pathway to address the pension issues for such supervisors and assistant supervisors based on the 2008 Labour Court recommendation and in view of the Fianna Fáil motion on this issue which was passed by Dáil Éireann in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [21757/19]

*631. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting on a decision on a carer's allowance application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21804/19]

*632. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will establish an independent review group within her Department to assess the level and impact of cuts suffered by all categories of members in a scheme (details supplied) due to changes in legislation and in particular the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2014 and subsequent reductions in members benefits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [21836/19]

*633. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the substantial cuts imposed on members of a scheme (details supplied) in advance of the sale of the stake of the State in a company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [21840/19]

*634. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [21860/19]

*635. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an illness benefit application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21925/19]

*636. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her Department will accept the address point service offered by An Post which is given to homeless persons for use in the context of claims; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21937/19]

*637. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position in relation to a disability allowance appeal in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [21967/19]

*638. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied) for a non-contributory old age pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [21983/19]

*639. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons prosecuted for social welfare fraud in 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21993/19]

*640. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to extend child benefit for children over 18 years of age when they are in full-time second-level education in view of the fact that children are starting school later and in many cases transition year is mandatory. — Clare Daly. [22016/19]

*641. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person whose entire farm landholding is under forestry would be considered to be a farmer for the purposes of applying for farm assist; if a person in these circumstances will be eligible to apply for farm assist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [22017/19]

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

*642. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the drainage system at a location (details supplied); the measures taken or being taken to address the

cause of the deterioration of water quality which resulted in the closure of bathing areas throughout Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [21348/19]

*643. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his Department has conducted a review of the enhanced long-term social housing leasing scheme; if so, the details of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [21541/19]

*644. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the estimated additional revenue that would be raised by each extra one percentage point on the vacant site levy. — Pearse Doherty. [21616/19]

*645. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the grants or other funding available for a sensory room in newly built houses for children with non-verbal autism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21630/19]

*646. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the restrictions to content applied to the freepost election literature each European candidate is entitled to. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21659/19]

*647. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a person (details supplied) can install a windmill for personal use without planning with the view of expanding in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21792/19]

*648. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to tackle the problem of derelict premises and housing in towns, villages and rural areas nationally; his further plans to ease the ongoing housing crisis being experienced by county councils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21417/19]

*649. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the review of income limits for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [21504/19]

*650. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of proposals for a housing passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [21526/19]

*651. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to increase the threshold for discretionary spending on housing by local authorities above levels set in Budget 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [21527/19]

*652. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the protocols put in place between local authorities and the Land Development Agency in relation to the coordination of land purchases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [21528/19]

*653. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a cost-benefit analysis of the enhanced long-term social housing leasing scheme has been conducted; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [21540/19]

*654. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the funding of the difference in cost between the current annual cost of the Lord Mayor of Cork including salary, office, assistant staff, driver and pensions and the annual cost under the proposal for a directly elected Lord Mayor of Cork will be paid for from the Local Government Reform Fund following

commitments made by the Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform; if the same commitment applies to proposals for directly elected mayors of Limerick and Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [21542/19]

*655. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount spent in fees to companies (details supplied) by his Department in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21583/19]

*656. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans for regulations under section 38 of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21590/19]

*657. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the borrowing amount authorised for each local authority for the second tranche of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21613/19]

*658. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the exits and preventions of the 5,100 households (details supplied) that exited emergency accommodation into HAP properties in 2018. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21619/19]

*659. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average cost of providing a Traveller specific accommodation unit funded via the Local Authority Traveller Accommodation Programme in 2018. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21625/19]

*660. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of Traveller accommodation units delivered in 2017 and 2018; and the average cost of these units. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21626/19]

*661. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average cost of delivering a social housing unit through the buy and renew scheme in 2018. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21627/19]

*662. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount allocated to each local authority for rental property inspections in 2018 and 2019; and the projected increase in funding for this purpose for 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21628/19]

*663. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount of funding allocated and drawn down for housing adaptation grants in each local authority in 2018 and to date in 2019; and the projected increase in funding for this purpose for 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21629/19]

*664. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social housing units allocated to persons with disabilities in 2017 and 2018; and the detail of the allocation in terms of the number of persons with disabilities here proportionally. — John Lahart. [21658/19]

*665. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding provided to local authorities for the purposes of energy efficiency retrofitting of social housing stock in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21846/19]

*666. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the review of planning exemptions for solar panels; and when he expects the review to be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21847/19]

*667. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of Rebuilding Ireland home loans drawn down in each local authority area at the end of quarter one of 2019, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21920/19]

*668. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of homes brought into use in quarter one of 2019 via the repair and lease scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21921/19]

*669. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of homes brought into use in quarter one of 2019 via the buy and renew scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21922/19]

*670. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of homes acquired via the Housing Agency in quarter one of 2019; and the average cost of each unit. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21923/19]

*671. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the Traveller accommodation allocations for each local authority for 2019; and the drawdown for quarter one of 2019 for each local authority in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21924/19]

*672. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons in section 10 and 32 funded services; the number of adults and children in each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21936/19]

*673. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will provide a copy of the notice that was placed in a national newspaper regarding a licence that was issued to a company (details supplied) to harvest seaweed; if this licence included a permission to mechanically harvest; the area size that is licensed for harvesting by the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [21965/19]

*674. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if an environmental impact assessment must be undertaken as part of the application for licence and or prior to commencement of harvesting upon licence being granted in the context of large scale mechanical harvesting of seaweed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [21977/19]

*675. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the remuneration that returning officers receive for carrying out their duties in respect of the 2019 local elections; the names of the appointed returning officers in each local authority for the 2019 local and European elections in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21985/19]

*676. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 542 of 9 October 2018, the status of the awarding of medals to staff of the Dublin Fire Brigade and National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [22006/19]

*677. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to remediation packages and compensation available for homeowners that recently

purchased properties that have been affected by pyrite and that have been refused access to the remediation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [22008/19]

*678. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 1353 of 26 March 2019, the terms and conditions of URDF support; the work to be undertaken by Kildare County Council in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [22050/19]

*679. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason income from the working family payment is not taken into account as reckonable income under the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22074/19]

*680. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the grant funding available to householders that cannot connect to the public water mains or a group water scheme to upgrade a well; if consideration is being given to increasing this grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22076/19]

*681. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the cost to each local authority to provide emergency accommodation for the homeless in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [22117/19]

*682. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of households in emergency accommodation in each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [22118/19]

*683. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the additional resources he plans to provide to local authorities in order to speed up the planning process for renewable generators and to An Bord Pleanála in order for it to prioritise planning consents for renewable generators in view of the fact that a climate emergency has been declared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [22122/19]

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

*684. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén líon pleananna teanga a dhíríonn ar na Limistéir Pleanála Teanga atá ceadaithe ag an bpointe seo; an ndéanfaidh sí ainmneacha na limistéar cuí a thabhairt; cén líon pleanálaithe teanga atá ceaptha chun na pleananna sin a chur i bhfeidhm; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [21408/19]

*685. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if research was carried out in relation to possible side effects of new and brighter LED street lights on wildlife and specifically birds. — Louise O'Reilly. [21435/19]

*686. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the mechanism for the compensation of a landowner that is prohibited from planting their lands with forestry due to its designation under the Curlew Conservation Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21437/19]

*687. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén gníomh a dhéanfar maidir leis an méadú 44% ar líon na ngearán a rinneadh leis an gCoimisinéir Teanga le linn

2018 i dtaca le deacrachtaí ainmneacha agus nó seoltaí i nGaeilge a úsáid agus daoine ag plé le háisíneachtaí stáit; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [21465/19]

*688. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the amount spent in fees to companies (details supplied) by her Department in each of the years 2011 to 2018. — Jonathan O'Brien. [21576/19]

*689. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if matters in relation to a bog (details supplied) in County Kerry will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21620/19]

*690. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the grants available for the development of bands specifically pipe bands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21643/19]

*691. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she has received representations from a group (details supplied) in relation to the allocation of funding to the National Museum of Ireland for an exhibition on An Gorta Mór; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [21817/19]

*692. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the position regarding a location (details supplied) in County Wexford; if funding to secure this unstable site will be allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21917/19]

*693. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of an application for a section 42 licence by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22055/19]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADAONIN, 22 BEALTAINNE, 2019
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY, 2019**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress with regard to allowing asylum seekers to apply for driver licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [21995/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress being made to finalise preferred routes with respect to the TEN-T priority routes improvement project in County Donegal; and when the preferred routes design option will come before the local authority for approval. — Pearse Doherty. [21721/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the anti-doping programme managed by Sport Ireland based on the testing results for 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [22070/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to reduce speeding and aggressive driving on roads and streets here and to legislate for home zones or slow zones in residential estates and built-up areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21728/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when park and ride facilities will be rolled out in Galway; the status of the work programme for the implementation of the Galway Transport Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22095/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his policy priorities for the transport sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22062/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the point at which the large scale sport infrastructure fund will be announced; and if an indicative list of preferential projects has been agreed to date between his Department and the major sporting authorities as to which should receive funding. — Shane Cassells. [22097/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the MetroLink project with particular regard to the cost of the revised route. — Robert Troy. [21998/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his officials have met with Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána to address the issue of licensing horse-drawn carriages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [22034/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if consideration will be given to funding for the extension of the M3 motorway to Cavan town and the east-west link which are needed in the north-east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21796/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has applied to the European Union to designate the Dublin to Rosslare railway line with Trans-European Transport Network, TEN-T, core status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21726/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which rail facilities can be enhanced in the north County Kildare commuter belt with particular reference to the need to ensure the provision of extra rail carriages in compliance with health and safety regulations thereby eliminating the need to have passengers standing throughout journeys at peak times; if extra trains can be provided to meet the demand in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22091/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the need for the provision of funding for necessary upgrade works of various facilities at Thomastown train station, County Kilkenny for rail commuters including the elderly and disabled with specific reference to appropriate facilities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [21723/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of timelines for sports capital grant allocations including the large scale sport infrastructure fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [22058/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures he is putting forward to address the increasing carbon emissions from the aviation sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [21794/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the role of his Department in the evolution of the BusConnects project being led by the NTA; and if he has recently met with the NTA in relation to the project. — Eamon Ryan. [22092/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the degree to which he remains satisfied that tourist facilities continue to be evenly spread nationally with a view to ensuring tourist related jobs throughout the regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22090/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he has taken to ensure that cruise ships will have sufficient docking space within Dublin from 2021 onwards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [21996/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to undertake a feasibility study for light rail in Galway in view of climate mitigation commitments and the proposed development of Galway city pursuant to the National Planning Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22094/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures he plans to take to increase the use of public transport in view of the declaration of a climate emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22064/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has assessed the impact the removal of State funding to an organisation (details supplied) has had on grassroots football; his views on whether the organisation will become insolvent as a result of the continued removal of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [22096/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he will take to ensure that fossil fuel natural gas will not be considered as a future potential fuel source in the national bus fleet in view of the recognition by Dáil Éireann that the world is facing a climate emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [21795/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the lack of capacity, both carriage and service, on the Galway to Dublin rail line particularly as it effects commuters on the Oranmore to Galway service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegarde Naughton. [21727/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the need for increased rail capacity including the provision of additional tracks to County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [22059/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views regarding the possible impact of Brexit on the tourism sector; his further views on whether the tourism industry is Brexit ready; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [22069/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his goals and targets on an annual basis to decarbonise the transport sector further to the fact that a climate emergency has been declared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [21725/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether an organisation (details supplied) is in a precarious financial situation with approximately 200 jobs at risk; his plans to take control of the situation and resolve same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [22066/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the ongoing investigation into the management practices at an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [22033/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the NTA has been in discussions with South Dublin County Council regarding the provision of a grade segregated intersection at the junction of Kennelsfort Road and the N4, Palmerstown, Dublin 20; if so, the outcome of those discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [21724/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the bid by an organisation (details supplied) will be supported to host the Homeless World Cup 2021 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [22035/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the major public transport projects under construction or that are in the planning and or rail order process. — Eamon Ryan. [22093/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to further reduce the hours of staffing at Donabate train station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [22067/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the service provided by a company (details supplied) in south County Dublin has seriously deteriorated since its takeover from Dublin Bus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22065/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his policies in relation to reducing the transport carbon footprint of public transport; the discussions he has had with the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22063/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if consideration will be given to funding for the re-establishment of the rail line from Dublin to Kingscourt, County Cavan; the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21797/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of rural taxis that will be funded under the proposed rural taxi scheme. — Robert Troy. [21997/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the engagements he has had with the Minister for Justice and Equality regarding the matter of legislating or regulating the reckless operation of scrambler and quad bikes; and when legislation will be published to deal with the matter. — Imelda Munster. [22051/19]

