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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met. — Michael Moynihan. [16722/19]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met; and when it will next meet. — Eamon Ryan. [16738/19]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18733/19]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met. — Brendan Howlin. [19962/19]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20547/19]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee D (Infrastructure) last met; and when it will next meet. — Joan Burton. [21731/19]
7. 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]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee F (National Security) last met. — Brendan Howlin. [17714/19]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee F (National Security) last met; and when it will next meet. — Joan Burton. [21732/19]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee F (National Security) last met. — Micheál Martin. [21781/19]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on Cabinet committee F (National Security); and when it last met. — Michael Moynihan. [22087/19]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee A (Economy) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18734/19]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if rural issues are allocated to Cabinet committee A (Economy); and when it last met. — Michael Moynihan. [20553/19]

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

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

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

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

18. 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]

19. 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]

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

21. 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]

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

23. 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]

24. 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]

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

26. 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]

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

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

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

32. 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]

33. 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]

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

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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 Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt: To the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport.

38. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of efforts to legislatively provide for the use of e-scooters here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [22270/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of progress of the public transport stakeholders forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [22052/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the BusConnects redesign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [22271/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if extra funding and resources will be provided to address the ongoing problems of disability friendly infrastructure in train stations

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along the major commuter lines to ensure persons with mobility issues can use the train stations and commute safely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [22068/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of plans to increase rail capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [22272/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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. — Hildegard Naughton. [21727/19]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*80. To ask the Taoiseach the number of Cabinet committees that exist; the areas which they cover; the dates each committee has met in 2019. — Michael McGrath. [22208/19]

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

*81. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if civilian personnel under the aegis of his Department are checked and security vetted by the Garda Central Vetting Unit prior to being assigned to working there both as new entrants and transferring in from other areas of the Civil Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [22152/19]

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

*82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if an application for foreign birth registration by a person (details supplied) was received; if so, if same will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [22133/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*83. To ask the Minister for Finance if NAMA recovered funds from a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22145/19]

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*84. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the corporation tax rate here; and if his EU counterparts have discussed same with him recently particularly in view of comments from the EU Commission on having a floor on same across the EU. — Micheál Martin. [22085/19]

*85. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a complaints mechanism in place for claimants wishing to make a complaint against a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22225/19]

*86. To ask the Minister for Finance the entity that owns a database (details supplied); if it is solely the property of an organisation (details supplied) that maintains and runs the database; the entity that is the data controller of the information held on the database; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22226/19]

*87. To ask the Minister for Finance if an insured party is entitled to access information relating to them held on a database (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22227/19]

*88. To ask the Minister for Finance if insured persons are informed if their information is put on a database (details supplied); if they have the ability to prevent information being shared on the database; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22228/19]

*89. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will resolve the anomaly in which the means of a person is taken into consideration when their partner is being assessed for a social welfare payment but in which they are not entitled to claim tax credits for their partner (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [22281/19]

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a Central Bank code of conduct specifically for employers and public liability insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22283/19]

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Central Bank has a specific code of conduct in relation to data protection for banks, lenders and insurance companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22284/19]

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

*92. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the forecasts for the trajectory of certain demographic related costs over the next twenty years and beyond, for example, the State social welfare pension bill, nursing home care, care of the elderly at home and health related costs from an ageing population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22224/19]

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

*93. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to restore the capitation grant to €200 per annum per child in view of the significant capital funding constraints that primary schools find themselves under; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22127/19]

*94. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding progress on the development of a new permanent school building for schools (details supplied) to replace their temporary accommodation; his plans to increase the playground size of the schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [22146/19]

*95. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the accommodation issues at a school (details supplied) will be addressed; if the construction of the permanent building for the school will be expedited to ensure that the school community is in its permanent home by February 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [22157/19]

*96. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 110 of 15 May 2019, if the progression of the permanent building for a school (details supplied) will be expedited in order that the pupils will not have to move again to alternative temporary accommodation in February 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [22158/19]

*97. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 178 of 14 May 2019, if he will consider the acquisition of centres (details supplied) as potential sites for a school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22161/19]

*98. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the case of a school (details supplied) that made an application to the devolved grants section of his Department in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22172/19]

*99. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school building project (details supplied) in County Cork; and when construction will commence. — Sean Sherlock. [22182/19]

*100. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if Educate Together has been recently approved to provide primary school education in the Killester, Raheny and Clontarf areas; the location the interim accommodation will be provided; if he is satisfied that the accommodation is in a central location; if he is further satisfied that enough places are being provided to satisfy the demand for this type of education in this catchment area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [22183/19]

*101. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a night course (details supplied) has been cancelled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22187/19]

*102. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the work that has taken place in designing the new campus for a school (details supplied) on lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [22188/19]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether there are sufficient ASD classes in primary schools in Cork city and county, and in particular, the south city area such as Douglas, Carrigaline and Passage West; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22207/19]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the options open to parents of children with a diagnosis of autism in County Kildare in circumstances in which their nearest ASD unit is full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [22216/19]

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*105. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application for a SNA for a child (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [22217/19]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of SUSI grants awarded in each academic year since 2011/2012 to 2018/2019; the number of students receiving an award in each rate of award per year by categorisation, for example, PLC, undergraduate and postgraduate; the number receiving the grant in terms of class of applicant, that is, dependent or independent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [22233/19]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person (details supplied) has not received increases to their pension. — Peter Burke. [22237/19]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a new school building at a school (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22239/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a decision has been made on the application by a school (details supplied) for additional accommodation and emergency works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [22246/19]

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

*110. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) has an entitlement to work here or in Northern Ireland while they are awaiting their naturalisation to be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [22132/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the qualifying age of the child in respect of whom parental leave can be taken by public sector employees including civil servants; his plans to change same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22203/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of weeks of parental leave that parents working for the same employer will be able to transfer to each other following the enactment of the Parental Leave (Amendment) Bill 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22204/19]

*113. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if parents will have to wait until 1 September 2019 to use 18 weeks leave which they have not yet availed of in respect of a child aged 8, 9, 10 or 11 years of age following the enactment of the Parental Leave (Amendment) Bill 2017; if this unused leave can be utilised as soon as the commencement order has taken effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22231/19]

*114. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if correspondence from a person (details supplied) will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22136/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of young persons resident in direct provision aged 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 years of age, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [22144/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if there are scenarios in which a legal process (details supplied) is automatic; if fees are always incurred in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [22150/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in the Henry Street district and the Roxboro road district of Limerick by rank in 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [22170/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will seek additional resources for traffic policing in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22210/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an appeal in respect of a join family visa by persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [22211/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the traffic watch lo-call number will be converted to a free call number due the cost of waiting for a reply which can place undue expense on the callers that are carrying out their civic duty in reporting dangerous driving behaviour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [22213/19]

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

*121. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the quota of workers allowed under the EU permit scheme to bring in workers from non-EU countries that was specific for the dairy farm assistance launched on 4 June 2018 has been used; if so, her plans to create an extra quota of workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [22173/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the quota of workers allowed has been used in relation to the EU permit scheme to bring in workers from non-EU countries that was launched in 2018 by her Department; if so, her plans to create an extra quota of workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [22186/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation further to Parliamentary Question No. 96 of 16 May 2019, the social partners her Department has been in contact with regarding the appointment of a national focal point; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [22223/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*124. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of an adult narcolepsy centre in St. James's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22126/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for home help by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [22135/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Health the expected date for the implementation and roll out of a comprehensive pharmacy based minor ailment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [22137/19]

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*127. To ask the Minister for Health when contractual negotiations will commence with a union (details supplied) on the reform, modernisation and expansion of pharmacy services; the length of time the negotiations will last; when the resulting changes will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [22138/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which he will commence discussions with pharmacy contractors regarding the unwinding of FEMPI for community pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [22139/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health when pharmacies will be permitted to dispense oral contraception without prescription under plans for free contraception being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [22140/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds in the Central Mental Hospital; the number of operative beds there; the reason non-operative beds are not in use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [22141/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health the approved positions and vacancies within CAMHS services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [22142/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter regarding FreeStyle Libre diabetes monitors (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22149/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a building project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22151/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to carry out an audit of a primary care health centre (details supplied) in order to assess the needs of the patients and the local population which are perceived as not being met due to inadequate resources with a view to putting in place suitable medical services and sufficient personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [22154/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health if concerns in relation to the provision of services by RehabCare in Galway city and county have been addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22156/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health if a centre (details supplied) is still in the ownership of the HSE; if so, if there are plans for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22160/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a private facility that cannot be accessed by all children will be included as part of the new children's hospital which is funded from public funds. — Clare Daly. [22162/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used to diagnose the neurological disease myalgic encephalomyelitis as described under G.93.3 WHO International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [22163/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health if he will direct the HSE to develop guidelines for the diagnosis, treatment and management of myalgic encephalomyelitis using contemporary research; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [22164/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health if he will direct the HSE to begin implementing the international consensus criteria for myalgic encephalomyelitis to enable those with the condition to get a clear diagnosis as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [22165/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health if he will direct the HSE to develop a clear pathway of care for myalgic encephalomyelitis patients with prompt access to specialists and treatments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [22166/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the lack of specialist consultants for myalgic encephalomyelitis patients; if the HSE will recognise ME as a multi-system disease with many debilitating symptoms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [22167/19]

*143. 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. — Gino Kenny. [22168/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health if he will direct 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 ME; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [22169/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in the Cork Kerry CHO4 area awaiting an appliance by six monthly wait intervals in tabular form; the details of the different types of appliances including, for example, a specialised wheelchair, hoist, shower chair and orthotics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22171/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health when a report (details supplied) on removing private practice from public hospitals will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22175/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for assessments of needs under the Disability Act 2005 by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22178/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health if assessments of needs under the Disability Act 2005 are dealt with on a national chronological order or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22179/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding staffing positions at University Hospital Waterford (details supplied); when the positions will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [22189/19]

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*150. To ask the Minister for Health the additional health service resources that will be required for the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [22191/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the practice of admitting children and young persons to adult mental health units to cease. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [22192/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Health the number of extra home help hours that were provided in 2018 relative to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [22193/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on recruitment initiatives in CH07 particularly in lakeview unit, Naas Hospital and CAMHS in Kildare town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [22194/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to promote an increased uptake of the flu vaccine across all categories of persons and not only those deemed at risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [22195/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons from County Kildare that have applied for the treatment abroad scheme in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [22196/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to retain and recruit frontline staff in the health services including nurses; the number of nursing staff needed in public national hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [22197/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health the updated timeframe for the refurbishment of the HSE owned day care centre on Drogheda Street, Monasterevin, County Kildare further to the appointment of the design team for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [22198/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22209/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health the barriers to the introduction of the access programme for medicinal cannabis; when the access programme will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [22218/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive a mammogram at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [22229/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health if there are supports such as home help available to families struggling to cope with newly born triplets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [22232/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a lump sum payment in respect of a former employee of the HSE (details supplied). — Kevin O'Keeffe. [22234/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on a replacement scheme for the mobility allowance and motorised transport grant; the steps taken to date in finalising a new scheme since the old schemes were closed over six years ago; the remaining measures to be undertaken in order to finalise a new scheme as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [22235/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment at Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [22238/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for extra hours of care by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22269/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the appointment of registered general nurses to CAMHS for phlebotomy services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [22279/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a MRI scanner (details supplied) is still lying idle after two years. — Micheál Martin. [22280/19]

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

*168. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has a role in relation to Halal certification; if there is a Halal certified slaughterhouse here; and if so, the names of the slaughterhouses. — Mick Wallace. [22214/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the requirement criteria for Irish beef for certification by the Chinese Certification and Accreditation Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [22215/19]

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

*170. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the roll out of the National Broadband Plan at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22181/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his officials are involved in climate change initiatives. — Micheál Martin. [22084/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the equity being invested into the National Broadband Plan; the way in which the plan is being financed; the way in which the consortium awarded preferred bidder status is being financed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [22220/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if an agreement has been reached in relation to the provision of broadband to rural areas that are awaiting the service; the average cost per linear metre to each household in which the high speed fibre is on a public road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [22221/19]

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*174. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will consider the use of ESB poles in relation to the National Broadband Plan for those properties not within reach of a telecom pole; if he will consider involving the ESB in allowing its infrastructure to be used in connecting hard to reach households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [22222/19]

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

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the schemes and the allocated funding of each from the capital expenditure from his Department between 1 January and 31 December 2018, under the heading of B8.1 smarter travel sustainable urban transport. — Robert Troy. [22354/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if discussions have taken place on providing funding for the extension of the railway line from Navan to Kingscourt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17897/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if discussions have taken place on providing funding for the east-west link road and rural roads in general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17896/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the schemes and the allocated funding of each from the capital expenditure of his Department between 1 January and 31 December 2018 under the heading AB8.1 smarter travel and sustainable urban transport. — Robert Troy. [22176/19]

*179. 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. [22180/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if enquiries will be made with the NTA and Bus Éireann if the new bus associated infrastructure being rolled out in Sligo town in 2019 on the S1 and S2 bus stops will be more disability friendly and accessible; if persons with visual impairments will be able to read the new timetable better than before; if these new timetables will be able to be read clearly by persons in wheelchairs in view of the difference in heights required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [22212/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when Irish Rail will provide maintenance to the railway line at the back of Maugheraboy Estate in County Sligo in view of the complaint from neighbours that the vegetation on the fencing separating the houses and the rail line have become overgrown and in need of attention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [22230/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which the passenger carrying capacity of all commuter trains serving the stations at Confey, Leixlip, Maynooth, Kilcock, Hazelhatch and Sallins, County Kildare can be augmented to accommodate passengers now forced to stand for long periods throughout the journey with obvious health and safety implications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22255/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the degree to which extra trains can be laid on at peak times to facilitate commuters in the north County Kildare commuter belt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22256/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of commuter trains serving north County Kildare deemed to be overcrowded on a daily basis; the extent to which it is expected to address this issue in the short-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22257/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he expects the tourism sector to grow in 2019 nationally in addition to the greater Dublin area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22258/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which the development of tourist packages is being encouraged with particular reference to attracting and accommodating visitors from Europe and globally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22259/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which specific holiday packages are being created here to attract visitors from Japan, China and other locations globally that frequent other tourist locations throughout Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22260/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timetable for the provision and upgrading of various traffic routes nationally and throughout the greater Dublin area in the context of Project Ireland 2040; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22261/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the degree to which his Department monitors the various traffic routes nationally with a view to ensuring advancement of upgrading proposals before reaching gridlock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22262/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the degree to which provision continues to be made to capitalise on international sporting events as a means of expanding tourism here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22263/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which business and winter tourism can be explored with a view to maximising growth under various headings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22264/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he has assisted various community sporting facilities by way of major or minor capital grant schemes in the past three years to date nationally and in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22265/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he expects to be in a position to proceed with the next sports capital programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22266/19]

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*194. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he is making provision for the eventuality of Brexit with particular reference to its implications for air and sea travel in view of the necessity to ensure easy travel access to continental Europe for Irish customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22267/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the action taken to date to address the issue of the shortage of car parking spaces at Sallins train station, County Kildare; the progress on this issue to date; when it is expected that substantive action will be taken on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22268/19]

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

*196. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way in which afterschool services which focus on providing services to children from disadvantaged communities whose parents are unemployed will be provided in the future if the cuts planned under the new national childcare scheme proceed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [22153/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if supports will be provided to develop a centre (details supplied) in County Galway to assist childcare providers to extend or provide new childcare facilities in cases in which there is an identified need for additional places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22247/19]

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

*198. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for illness benefit by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [22130/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a working family payment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [22131/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the illness benefit section will contact human resources department of the Houses of the Oireachtas (details supplied); if this error will be rectified in view of the subsequent effect on the tax record of the person for 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22134/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when persons will be able to retrospectively register as parents as per the Civil Registration Bill 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [22148/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if payment will issue to a person (details supplied) as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22174/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration will be given to extending the payment term of child benefit to all children over 18 years of age that remain in second-level education up to leaving certificate examination stage; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that many children will in fact be 18 years of age for part of their fifth year term in view of the fact that transition year is compulsory in some schools; and if her attention has

further been drawn to the expenditure incurred in transition year in which child benefit would be of enormous help particularly for those having to meet transport costs to and from work experience in which they have to pay adult bus fares in view of their age. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [22199/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she is taking to ensure that the free travel pass can be used on all private bus operators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22206/19]

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

*205. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the connection between small business owners in Fingal being notified by the Valuations Office of a reduction in the valuation of their premises from 2020 and within days, notification from Fingal County Council of a significant increase in their AVR from .150 to .191 negating the relief small businesses received from the reduced valuation. — Clare Daly. [22143/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a trustee elected by the members of the scheme can be vetoed by the council even though the members of the scheme have always elected two trustees in relation to Dún Laoghaire harbour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22184/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason the final accounts for Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company have not yet been submitted to his Department despite this being a requirement of the Harbours Act 2015; the action he will take in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22185/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of applications received to date under the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; the number and value of mortgages that have been approved; the number of mortgages in which some or all of the mortgage has been drawn down; the amount drawn down to date; the number and value of applications in the system awaiting a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22205/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the annual current and capital funding allocations made under the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021; the 2019 allocation made for capital works on group water schemes; and the 2019 allocation for grant aid for private wells and septic tanks in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [22236/19]

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

*210. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on proposed EU legislation involving restrictions on the use of lead in ammunition in areas of wetland; her plans to undertake consultations on the proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22128/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of licences granted to import animals that have been killed as a result of trophy hunting in each of the years 2010 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the animal to which each licence refers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [22190/19]