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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the international, European Union and northern division of his Department. — Brendan Howlin. [22698/19]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the international, European Union and northern division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23993/19]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the international, EU and northern division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24205/19]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Brendan Howlin. [23185/19]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the economic division of his Department. — Brendan Howlin. [23186/19]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he has economic experts employed in his Department. — Micheál Martin. [23901/19]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the First Minister of Scotland, Ms Nicola Sturgeon. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23295/19]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Scottish First Minister, Ms Nicola Sturgeon. — Brendan Howlin. [24100/19]
9. To ask the Taoiseach the issues he discussed with the President of the United States of America, Mr. Donald Trump when they met at Shannon Airport. — Micheál Martin. [23897/19]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with President Trump. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23992/19]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the United States of America, Mr. Donald Trump. — Brendan Howlin. [24099/19]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if will report on his recent meeting with the President of the United States of America, Mr. Donald Trump. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24206/19]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if a company (details supplied) was discussed when he met President Trump in Shannon Airport; and if security issues were raised. — Micheál Martin. [24297/19]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he discussed climate change with President Trump when they met in Shannon. — Michael Moynihan. [24323/19]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with President Trump. — Eamon Ryan. [24326/19]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the citizens' assembly on the Dublin mayor; and the way in which the work has progressed on same. — Micheál Martin. [23902/19]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the leader of the UK Labour Party, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn. — Brendan Howlin. [24098/19]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the annual strategy update report in his Department. — Micheál Martin. [24320/19]

19. To ask the Taoiseach the fall in the number of persons on the live register in County Westmeath since January 2019. — Peter Burke. [23048/19]

20. To ask the Taoiseach the latest employment figures; the breakdown of the figures in terms of those employed under banded hours categories A-B and A-D respectively; and if the inclusion of this criteria for future employment surveys will be considered. — Willie Penrose. [22918/19]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

21. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to improve cross-Border cooperation in the arts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24341/19]

22. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cad iad na bearta a dhéanfaidh sí chun a chinntiú go gcloífidh an státchóras agus na comhlachtaí Stáit leis an dualgas reachtúil agus bunreachtúil i leith na teanga náisiúnta, óir is léir ó Thuarascáil Bhliantúil an Choimisinéara Teanga arís i mbliana nach gcloíonn siad amhlaidh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24347/19]

23. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén uair atá sé i gceist Bille nua na dTeangacha Oifigiúla a fhoilsiú; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Dara Calleary. [24443/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to include support for traditional Irish crafts under the National Creativity Fund initiatives; if local craft enterprises can apply for support under the Creative Ireland Programme in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24589/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she has considered further the possible purchase of a location (details supplied) by the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [24327/19]

**CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

26. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which extra expenditure is planned for the arts with particular reference to the need to maximise opportunities for employment in the sector and enhance the image of Ireland at home and abroad with obvious economic benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24296/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to increase the level of capital funding for Waterways Ireland in 2019 and 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [24061/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on the increased pressure placed on persons in the performing arts and screen industry in relation to pay, conditions and general employment rights; her further views on the cultural value of the industries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [24080/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which preservation or reconstruction works are in hand at various sites or buildings nationally with particular reference to the need to preserve such locations and buildings for posterity through education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24295/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the examination of options for a new round of arts and cultural capital funding has been completed; if so, when the round will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [24333/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the progress being made with regard to enhanced funding for a centre (details supplied) following a recent deputation by same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [24316/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the support provided by her Department for a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [24207/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to increase vegetated coastal habitats such as mangroves, saltmarsh and seagrass beds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [24282/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when a report commissioned by her Department on the conservation and management of the Hill of Tara will be published; and her views on whether there is a need for increased services such as more parking and toilet facilities at the location. — Thomas Byrne. [24056/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the way in which persons from County Sligo can find out more about and apply for the 2019 peatlands community engagement scheme 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [24266/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of the 17 bogs that Bord na Móna stated it would close in late 2018 that have been rewetted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [24281/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when the survey of Irish hares will be completed; if in the interim, she will consider suspending netting of wild hares for the purpose of hare coursing as was done in Northern Ireland before a ban on live hare coursing was introduced there in 2011; and her views on whether with the concerns regarding biodiversity that the Irish hare should be protected. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [24077/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of recent appointments to the board of Galway 2020 and on the plan for events during 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [24208/19]

39. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cad iad na pleananna atá aici chun feabhas a chur ar Ché na Reannaí, Athphort ar oileán Árann Mhóir; an dtabharfaidh sí sonraí maidir leis na pleananna chun an togra a thabhairt chun críche agus aon dul chun cinn atá déanta aici ón am deireanach a chuir an cheist seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [24054/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the seven sites on the 2010 tentative list for nomination as a UNESCO World Heritage Site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [24276/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she has read the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht report The Arts Matter and in particular its 28 recommendations; and if she will act on those relevant to her Department and remit. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24258/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason two hares which a vet confirmed had suffered injuries after being caught and held by muzzled greyhounds were released back to the wild a few hours after a coursing meeting (details supplied) in County Wexford; the nature of the injuries and treatment received; and her views on whether the stress and injuries suffered by hares compromises their survivability post-coursing. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [24079/19]

43. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir le forbairt na gcéibheanna ar Inis Meáin agus ar Inis Óirr; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24058/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will commission a report on the issues faced by artists that are parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24331/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the Abbey Theatre has met the conditions of improving the quality of employment opportunities it provides for Irish based artists including remuneration rates in order for it to receive the €300,000 in funding allocated to it but frozen by the Arts Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [24280/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if provision will be made to Monaghan County Council for the restoration of a building (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24332/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the position regarding the establishment of a forum independent of other forums to address ongoing industrial difficulties in the film industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24328/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to increase the provision of audio description captioning for the hard of hearing and the availability of Irish Sign Language interpretation at the national performance venues of the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [24278/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the level of response she has received from County Louth during the Heritage 2030 public consultations; and the remaining opportunities for groups and residents of the county to make submissions to the process. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24187/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to improve employment and working conditions for workers in the film industry following the recent debate in Dáil Éireann on the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24235/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans for dredging or otherwise removing weed from the Royal and Grand canals, particularly through County Kildare in order to enable boat, barge and canoe traffic and render same navigable to develop tourism and amenity prospects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [24097/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the local festivals and summer schools she is supporting in County Sligo through the 2019 scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [24265/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to create a specific funding scheme for community groups to assist them in the care, conservation and promotion of old graveyards and burial sites; and her views on whether community groups require more assistance to carry out this work. — Thomas Byrne. [24057/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the threat that invasive species are providing in County Louth; and the measures being taken to combat same. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24188/19]

55. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén dul chun cinn atá le déanamh i mbliana i bhfeidhmiú na Straitéise Fiche Bliain don Ghaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24059/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of plans for the regional uplift element of section 481 relief; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24330/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to the number of artist studios and creative community spaces that are at risk of closing down due to increased costs in commercial rents; her plans to ensure affordable spaces for artists and exhibitions in view of the contention that creative spaces are necessary in order for an arts culture to thrive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [24279/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will request the National Biodiversity Centre to cease listing specific locations including grid references of sightings of

protected birds and animals, particularly species targeted and persecuted by coursers, hunters and shooters such as hares, badgers, deer, otters, pine martens and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [24078/19]

59. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil sí sásta leis na hullmhúcháin atá déanta don Bhreathimeacht chun go mbeidh cliant chuideachtaí an Údaráis ábalta dul i ngleic leis an mBreathimeacht. — Dara Calleary. [24268/19]

60. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cad a cheapann sí faoi Thuarascáil Bhliantúil 2018 an Choimisinéara Teanga. — Dara Calleary. [24267/19]

61. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil sé i gceist aici maoiniú a sholáthar d’oileáin i nDún na nGall maidir le bóithre poiblí ar na hoileáin éagsúla; an ndeimhneoidh sí go bhfuil allúntas leagtha amach i mbuiséad na Roinne i mbliana ina leith sin; an mbeidh allúntas breise ar fáil d’oileáin i mbuiséad 2019; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [24053/19]

62. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the level of capital funding provided to Waterways Ireland in 2018; the expenditure to the end of 2018; the capital funding provided for 2019; if additional capital projects will be undertaken in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [24060/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will consider establishing an expansive nationwide public programme to employ artists and creative workers to work in schools and communities particularly with young persons in exchange for a living income; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24234/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to fund arts projects in County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [24055/19]

65. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the State commemorative events under the Decade of Centenaries she will organise and attend in the next 12 months. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24256/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the engagement between her Department and Cork County Council regarding repairs to a theatre (details supplied) and the shortfall in funding for the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [24334/19]

67. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on whether more can be done to highlight the invasive species in Ireland projects and the need for collaborative approaches between communities, local authorities and State bodies to stem the advance of many of those species. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24257/19]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*68. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the Commission of Investigation into IBRC; and the projected costs in this regard. — Brendan Howlin. [24101/19]

*69. To ask the Taoiseach if taxation was discussed when he met with President Trump. — Micheál Martin. [24446/19]

*70. To ask the Taoiseach if corporation tax was discussed when he met with President Trump recently. — Micheál Martin. [24447/19]

*71. To ask the Taoiseach if foreign direct investment was discussed when he met with President Trump recently. — Micheál Martin. [24448/19]

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

*72. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if a recruitment campaign for the diving section in the Naval Service will happen in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24505/19]

*73. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the allocation made to the Defence Forces for pay and pensions in each of the past ten years; the amount spent in each of the years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24569/19]

*74. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the last time the establishment number was achieved; the shortfall each year it was not achieved; if this figure takes into account those on training or other absences; if there was a difference in the amount allocated for wages and the amount spent in each of the years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24570/19]

*75. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence when he first received the report on the findings of the independent third party appointed to investigate protected disclosures relating to chemical exposure in the Air Corps; the steps he has taken to act on its findings since then; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24571/19]

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

*76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when a passport application by a person (details supplied) is likely to conclude; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24365/19]

*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of progress on the talks in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [24449/19]

*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Israel and Palestine was discussed at the recent EU meeting of foreign ministers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [24450/19]

*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has met or spoken with Mr. Michel Barnier recently; if so, the issues that were discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [24451/19]

*80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the average waiting time for passport applications; his plans to recruit more personnel to deal with the additional summer volume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [24452/19]

*81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the new commitment of the Colombian Government to implement the peace process according to the peace agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [24474/19]

*82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the importance of ensuring the all the inhabitants of the 24 ETCRs in operation are guaranteed proper and secure reincorporation regarding the Colombian peace process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [24475/19]

*83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the assessment he has made of the importance of continuing support for the physical and economic security of FARC members in the reincorporation process; the assessment he has made of the necessity to ensure that all the inhabitants of the 24 ETCRs in operation are guaranteed proper and secure reincorporation; and the assessment he has made of the decision of the Colombian Supreme Court to release a person (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [24512/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*84. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to continue with the appointment of a person (details supplied) as Governor of the Central Bank in advance of the conclusion of the investigation they are party to in New Zealand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24461/19]

*85. To ask the Minister for Finance if the State has entered into a contractual commitment at this stage relating to the appointment of a person (details supplied) as Governor of the Central Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24462/19]

*86. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the Central Bank deems a returning emigrant that never owned a residential property here but did abroad for a period of time as a non-first-time buyer; his views on whether this classification is unfair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24466/19]

*87. To ask the Minister for Finance if mortgage arrears statistics of the Central Bank includes instances in which commercial loans include either BTL properties or PDH properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24523/19]

*88. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a car (details supplied) has not been returned to its owner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24538/19]

*89. To ask the Minister for Finance the enforcement activity undertaken by the Central Bank on funds unregulated since the passing of the Consumer Protection (Regulation of Credit Servicing Firms) Act 2018; the number of instances in which the Central Bank has examined documentation from those funds; the number of instances the Central Bank has undertaken site visits; the funds visited in each case; the number of enforcement proceedings initiated against funds that were previously unregulated; the number of enforcement actions and fines imposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24539/19]

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of funds that were previously deemed unregulated that have completed formal licensing from the Central Bank and are now regulated since the passing of the Consumer Protection (Regulation of Credit Servicing Firms) Act 2018; the number and value of mortgage and commercial loans owned by those entities; the number of funds still in the middle of the licensing process; the number and value of mortgage and commercial loans owned by those entities; the number that have not commenced the licensing process; the number and value of mortgage and commercial loans owned by those entities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24540/19]

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Central Bank gathers data on the amount of foreign capital and credit provided or lent to Irish property developers; if so, the value provided or lent to property developers each year since 2011; the way in which this compares to the capital and credit provided and lent by Irish banks in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24576/19]

*92. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department, the Central Bank or the National Treasury Management Agency has undertaken an analysis on the probability of foreign capital, credit and investment in the construction sector ceasing or being significantly curtailed; the potential mechanisms by which this would occur, both foreign and domestic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24578/19]

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

*93. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress made to date in terms of appointments from the competition held for temporary clerical officers in the Civil Service for summer 2019 in counties Sligo and Leitrim; if candidates are still being drawn from the panel established from the clerical officer recruitment campaign; the number of officers to be recruited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [24390/19]

*94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when a person transfers from one Department to another due to no fault of their own within the Civil Service, if they are entitled to bring their pay entitlement and emoluments with them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24422/19]

*95. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated number of persons employed in the public service that earn below the living wage which currently stands at €11.90 per hour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [24458/19]

*96. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of public sector workers working on the post-2011 salary scale disaggregated by pay scale and profession. — Jonathan O'Brien. [24470/19]

*97. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the pathway of pay equalisation for post-2011 entrants into the public sector disaggregated by the number of public sector workers that will jump each of the two pay scales in the coming years. — Jonathan O'Brien. [24471/19]

*98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost of full pay equalisation by January 2020. — Jonathan O'Brien. [24472/19]

*99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost of pay equalisation over two years with post-2011 entrants having their positions increased by one point on 1 January 2020 and increased by one point on 1 July 2020. — Jonathan O'Brien. [24473/19]

*100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of finance and strategy committee meetings which were held in the Institute of Public Administration in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and the date and attendees of each meeting. — Alan Kelly. [24536/19]

*101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the corporate governance and compliance structures of the Institute of Public Administration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [24537/19]

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

*102. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for increased school provision in Newcastle, County Dublin to meet the expanding need for junior and senior school places in the coming years. — Eoin Ó Broin. [24562/19]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will reconsider the provision of a second pick-up point for over 20 secondary school students under the eligible criteria of his Department (details supplied). — Kevin O'Keeffe. [24354/19]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school building project (details supplied); the remaining steps in the process that must be undertaken in order for grant approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [24359/19]

*105. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the campaign by a union (details supplied) in relation to school secretaries; if a meeting has taken place between his Department and the union; if so, the outcome of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24402/19]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the focused evaluation that has taken place or is planned to take place on the way in which schools are implementing the digital learning strategy and its impact on the quality of learning and teaching and student performance in State examinations. — Thomas Byrne. [24404/19]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application for a new school building by a school (details supplied) in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [24407/19]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an appeal for a special needs assistant by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [24410/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost if the fund for students with a disability was increased by a further 15%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24417/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost if post-leaving certificate course fees were reduced by 50%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24418/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of negotiations regarding the two-tier pay system with representatives of school secretaries in a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24460/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a new primary school catchment area is defined by the school planning area; and if it is the responsibility and remit of the board of management to define the catchment area from which children living in those areas will be given priority particularly in the case of a school located on the edge of a school planning area. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24463/19]

*113. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to revise the boundaries of school planning areas, specifically the Glasheen and Carrigaline school planning areas and the area they meet. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24464/19]

*114. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to open a secondary school in the Togher and Lehenaghmore area of County Cork. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24465/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if permission will be provided for the opening of a community national school in Glenroe, County Limerick (details supplied). — Tom Neville. [24481/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a school (details supplied) has had ongoing issues regarding maintenance; if he has engaged with the school; and if this issue will be resolved as soon as possible. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24485/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) is in the capital programme for a new building or improvement works. — Eoin Ó Broin. [24575/19]

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

*118. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the daily ration allowance to feed a prisoner and the cost of feeding a prisoner per day. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [24586/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the information the family of a juvenile are entitled to in respect of the consideration by the national juvenile office of a file referred to it by An Garda Síochána relating to an alleged criminal incident involving persons under 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24376/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the factors taken into account by the national juvenile office in deciding if a file referred to it by An Garda Síochána should be referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions or be dealt with under the Garda juvenile diversion programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24377/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the Garda youth diversion programmes in place across Cork city and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24378/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for a visa in the case of a person (details supplied); when approval is likely to issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24393/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí based at stations (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [24394/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí assigned to the drugs unit in the R district of the Dublin metropolitan region north division in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [24395/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number and type of Garda vehicles attached to the Dublin metropolitan region north in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by division in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [24397/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí attached to the community relations unit by rank in the Dublin metropolitan region north to date in 2019. — Denise Mitchell. [24398/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason a number of Deputies (details supplied) were not invited to a meeting on the issue of policing which took place in Coolock Garda station on 4 June 2019; the criteria used for extending invitations to other public representatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [24400/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the stations at which the 30 new gardaí announced for the Dublin metropolitan north region will be based; when they are expected to be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [24401/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank in each street crime unit in Dublin to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24419/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank attached to the serious crime review team in DMR north Garda division in 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24420/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason An Garda Síochána did not in response to requests and reminders by the RIA on 4 April 2019, 17 April 2019 and 3 May 2019, release the body of a person (details supplied) for burial; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [24482/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason the Coroner authorised for a person (details supplied) to be buried in private with no ceremony, when there were requests and reminders on 4 April 2019, 17 April 2019 and 3 May 2019 by the RIA for the release of their body for a public burial; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [24483/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the necessary funding will be provided to ensure that the Garda public order unit in DMR north is on a full-time basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24500/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of bench warrants outstanding in the Coolock Garda district as of 31 May 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24501/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on recent reports that the courts fines system is dysfunctional with large numbers of fines and bench warrants not being implemented during his period as Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24502/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of handheld mobile devices which have been issued to Garda stations across the country to date; the Garda divisions and roads policing units which have these devices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24513/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he expects the 2,000 handheld devices or smartphones will be issued to An Garda Síochána; if this will be done before the end of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24514/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of legal proceedings initiated in relation to non-performing commercial loans in each year since 2015, by the type of lender, that is, banks or unregulated loan owners by lender in tabular form; the number that involve principal dwelling house properties; the number that involve buy to let properties; the number that involve both; the number that involve neither; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24518/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of summary judgements made against borrowers in relation to non-performing commercial loans in each year since 2015 by the type of lender, that is, banks or unregulated loan owners by lender in tabular form; the number that involve principal dwelling house properties; the number that involve buy to let properties; the number that involve both; the number that involve neither; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24519/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of receivers appointed by the courts in relation to non-performing commercial loans in each year since 2015, by the type of lender, that is, banks or unregulated loan owners by lender in tabular form; the number that involve principal dwelling house properties; the number that involve buy to let properties; the number that involve both; the number that involve neither; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24520/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of orders for repossession made by the courts in relation to non-performing commercial loans in each year since 2015 by the type of lender, that is, banks or unregulated loan owners by lender in tabular form; the number that involve principal dwelling house properties; the number that involve buy to let properties; the number that involve both; the number that involve neither; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24521/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of repossession orders executed by the lender in relation to non-performing commercial loans in each year since 2015 by the type of lender, that is, banks or unregulated loan owners by lender in tabular form; the number that involve principal dwelling house properties; the number that involve buy to let properties; the number that involve both; the number that involve neither; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24522/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the further steps he and An Garda Síochána are taking to urgently end the recent appalling spate of gun violence and murder in several parishes of

Dublin city (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24526/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason a burial of a person (details supplied) took place before their friends were informed or being present; his plans to review the case; his further plans in order to prevent a reoccurrence of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24541/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the number of gun silencers sold here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [24542/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the licensing requirements for gun silencers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [24543/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*147. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding an assessment of needs for a child (details supplied) in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [24355/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for gynaecologists per speciality and hospital nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [24364/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health the plans by the South/Southwest Hospital Group to advance orthopaedic services in the south-east and at University Hospital Waterford; his plans to create a centre of excellence for orthopaedics at the hospital; if a business case to advance same has been submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24366/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe, costs and additional capacity in building a new mortuary at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24367/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe, costs and the services to be provided in the additional cath lab for University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24368/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Health the reason robotics is not being utilised at University Hospital Waterford regarding cancer care; his plans to purchase robotic equipment for the oncology unit at the hospital; if this is supported by the South/Southwest Hospital Group; if a business case for the purchase or lease of robotic equipment has been made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24369/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to build a new eye clinic at University Hospital Waterford; if a business case has been made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24370/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 72 beds at the Dunmore wing at University Hospital Waterford that will be new and additional beds; the funding being made available to recruit new staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24371/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the national review into cardiac services to conclude and to publish its report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24372/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health if he is committed to delivering 24/7 PPCI at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24373/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all inpatient and outpatient wait times in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by speciality in tabular form; the wait times in periods (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24374/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the cost cutting plans by University Hospital Waterford to ensure the hospital comes in on budget; if this will involve curtailing theatre use at the hospital; the cost saving measures being introduced in relation to cleaning, recruitment and the use of agency staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24375/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against psychiatric nurses to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [24380/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite care sessions provided in 2018 compared to 2019, by CHO and LHO in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [24381/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times a full capacity protocol was invoked to date in 2019, by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [24382/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health the emergency department waiting times greater than 24 hours for persons over 75 years of age to date in 2019; if the targets were met; if not, the number of persons over 75 years of age that had a wait of more than 24 hours in an emergency department to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [24383/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against front line staff including nurses, doctors, social workers, ambulance staff and other health professionals to date in 2019, by hospital, geographic location and profession in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [24384/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cataract surgeries cancelled nationally by hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [24385/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ENT surgeries cancelled for children nationally by hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [24386/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on ENT surgery waiting lists nationally by hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [24387/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time each person has been on the waiting list for cataract surgery nationally by hospital; the length of time they have been waiting by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [24388/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health the medically advised waiting time for cataract surgeries compared to the waiting times for cataract surgeries nationally and per hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [24389/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health the protocols for women to make use of the rapid access pathways in cases in which they need urgent medical assistance after cervical cancer screening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [24392/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [24405/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health the status of negotiations on the new general practitioner contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [24406/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) who has undergone a lung transplant as a result of having cystic fibrosis, will not be seen as a patient in St. Vincent's Hospital which specialises in the care of the illness despite this patient still having cystic fibrosis and related illnesses such as diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24409/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE provides reimbursed transport or assistance in terms of transport costs to patients having to travel extensive distances for treatments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [24415/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [24424/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time for women waiting on smear test results by laboratory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [24425/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health the number of smear test slides waiting to be viewed by laboratory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [24426/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health if he has sourced extra capacity to deal with the smear test backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [24427/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health the status of Belmullet District Hospital; the number of beds due to be closed; the reason for same; his plans for the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [24428/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health when Mayo University Hospital will receive the promised extension to its emergency department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [24429/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that presented at the emergency department of Mayo University Hospital from 1 January 2019 to date compared to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [24430/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for occupational therapy services in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [24431/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for hospital appointments in CHO2 by county and wait time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [24432/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for surgical procedures in the CHO2 area in counties Mayo, Galway and Roscommon by length of time on the waiting list in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [24433/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting home help hours in County Mayo; the length of time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [24435/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a nursing home in Kilcoole, County Wicklow is still empty almost a year after completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [24440/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the home help scheme; if it is being closed to new entrants; if so, the reason therefor; the support that will be put in place for persons and families in need of homecare supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [24445/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff employed by the HSE that earn below the living wage which currently stands at €11.90 per hour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [24455/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE requires external contractors to pay workers at least the living wage which currently stands at €11.90; if not, his plans to introduce same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [24456/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the appointment of a consultant dermatologist at Sligo University Hospital; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there over 800 persons on a waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [24467/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the appointment of a joint community and acute service geriatrician at Sligo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [24468/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the appointment of an endocrinologist at Sligo University Hospital; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is a waiting list backlog of over two years for this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [24469/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the appointment of a cardiologist and cardiac specialist in Sligo University Hospital; if his attention has been drawn to the concern locally over the ability to maintain the cardiac unit owing to cuts in the hospital; his plans to ensure the cardiac unit is not lost in the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [24484/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24487/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health if information in relation to all maternity units will be provided (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [24488/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 100 of 30 May 2019, when a reply will issue from the HSE (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [24489/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in CHO area 9 on waiting lists for equipment recommended by their occupational therapist as of 31 May 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24504/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for an urgent dental assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [24506/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health when additional essential respite services will be provided for adults in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the number of respite centres; the operational capacity of each at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [24509/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health when additional essential respite services will be provided for children in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the number of respite centres; the operational capacity of each at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [24510/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health when a service will be restored for patients in County Cavan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [24511/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address a reported shortage of community pharmacists; his plans to involve local pharmacies in the delivery of primary care services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24525/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 89 of 9 May 2019, the reason the HSE has not responded to the Parliamentary Question and despite numerous contact to obtain the response (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [24579/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24580/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health if his statement that the home help scheme is set to move towards the inclusion of some form of co-payment will be clarified; his plans for the home help scheme; the definition of co-payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [24587/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health the action he and the HSE are taking to address the implementation of the pay rises recommended by a job evaluation scheme under the PSSA for almost 10,000 health support staff and to avoid disruption to the health service arising from the alleged failure to ensure that the HSE enter services negotiations in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24591/19]

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

*206. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the number of TAMS applications to be accepted will be increased in order to help young farmers in view of the fact that the TAMS grant scheme is oversubscribed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [24391/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a number of GLAS payments (details supplied) are being held up with his Department officials citing problems with information technology systems as the reason behind the delays; if the system is adequate; when the payments will be issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24459/19]

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

*208. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on concerns of a person (details supplied) in relation to a possible safety issue in regard to the release of hydrofluoric acid from the batteries of electric vehicles; if these concerns have been raised previously within his Department; if so, his plans to mitigate the risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24507/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he received advice from his officials not to implement a nationwide smoky coal ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [24531/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has engaged a company (details supplied) on aspects of the National Broadband Plan; if so, if he continues to engage the company; if the company is also engaged by the preferred bidder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24535/19]

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

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if an organisation (details supplied) will be granted funding under the current sports capital programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [24403/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason a person (details supplied) cannot get the LocalLink route to and from a location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24413/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will commence the process of planning to build the rail line from Dublin to Navan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [24436/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the number of bus transport routes in County Meath will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [24437/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to significantly lower the cost of bus and rail transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [24438/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a full and urgent assessment will be requested in relation to the need to introduce slip lanes for traffic exiting off the N2 at Castleblayney (details supplied) in the interest of road users safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [24454/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Transport Infrastructure Ireland has the authority to carry out underground works at a site on Grand Parade, Dublin 6 before applying for a rail order. — Kate O'Connell. [24492/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Transport Infrastructure Ireland has the authority to spend public money to fund construction on sites in which planning permission is not in place. — Kate O'Connell. [24493/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there are provisions within the rail order legislation that exempt Transport Infrastructure Ireland from following typical approval and permission processes; and if these exemptions exist, if they can be in place before an application for a rail order has been granted. — Kate O'Connell. [24494/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the contractual relationship between Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the piling contractor and the developer of a site (details supplied) that would allow underground works to proceed. — Kate O'Connell. [24495/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding spent by the National Transport Authority on refurbishment of Busáras Station, Dublin 1 in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the nature of works carried out with the funding allocation in each of the years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24503/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he has met with the taxi advisory committee; the attendees of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [24544/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason his Department has issued a permit for a company (details supplied) to operate under the fifth freedom between Dublin and Madrid; and the analysis undertaken of the serious competitive distortions of allowing fifth freedom rights on intra EU services to countries operating the EU. — Clare Daly. [24546/19]

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

*224. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if efforts have been made to encourage the payment of the living wage across the childcare sector; the number of workers employed in the childcare sector that earn below the living wage which currently stands at €11.90 per hour; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [24457/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the annual grant made to each of the organisations in receipt of funding from the youth service grant scheme in each of the years 2004, 2011 and 2018 in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24496/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason Tusla is funding representation on behalf of individual managers. — Clare Daly. [24533/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on the substantial and costly legal representation being provided by Tusla to a family member of one of its employees. — Clare Daly. [24534/19]

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

*228. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his views on whether a similar style report (details supplied) should be implemented in a region of Dublin city profoundly impacted by alleged drug fuelled crime and violence since early 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24530/19]

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

*229. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the options available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24379/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a domiciliary care allowance application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [24412/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [24439/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason the application for qualified adult allowance payment by a person (details supplied) was not further backdated. — Tom Neville. [24453/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the old age contributory pension file of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed. — Tom Neville. [24486/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of young persons under 26 years of age in receipt of the disability allowance that have been in receipt of the payment for 12 months or more; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24497/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the weekly rate of payment for those in receipt of the non-contributory State pension in each of the years 2000 to 2018, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24498/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the weekly rate of payment for those in receipt of the half-rate carer's allowance in each of the years 2007 to 2014, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24499/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the financial assistance available to fund assessments for children that have identified as potentially requiring additional learning supports in view of the substantial cost of same for parents and the negative impact of delays in diagnosis and supports on the development of the child. — Clare Daly. [24545/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the anomaly that exists for local communities that manage community employment schemes in their area will be addressed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24547/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24563/19]

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

*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the obligation to maintain the website following the sale of the site is not provided for in law with respect to strategic housing developments that have been granted planning permission in which there is an obligation to provide a website with maps and other documents; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that this deficit leaves a gap in information to both the public and the planning authority; if this deficit will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24421/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons on the housing wait list in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [24434/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of his engagements with the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General in the context of audits, inspections and or financial examinations; if he has given further consideration to include Irish Water as a body that will be subject to scrutiny by the C&AG; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24441/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 209 of 6 February 2019, the progress made to date following his engagements with the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General, the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and NewERA on the various issues; if a report on the engagements was produced; the actions that will be instigated as a result of the engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24442/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which the planning guidelines and regulations for build to rent apartments and co-living developments differ from standard multi-unit apartment developments; and the guidance being given to local authorities and An Bord Pleanála in relation to planning applications for built to rent and or co-living developments. — Eoin Ó Broin. [24532/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the options available to a couple that apply for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme in circumstances in which one of the married persons is employed and earning a wage and therefore eligible to apply and the other is self-employed since May 2017 with tax returns completed, but not certified for a period of two years;

if they can be approved for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme with particular reference to the fact that they can demonstrate that they have been paying a rent of over €1,700 a month for a period of two and a half years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [24548/19]

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

*246. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the Creative Ireland Programme; her plans to extend the programme to include a broader range of traditional craft heritage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24590/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the detail of the new scheme for funding third-level students to visit the Gaeltacht to improve their Irish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [24209/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the steps she is taking to deal with the threat from invasive wildlife species including crayfish in the River Mague near Adare, County Limerick. — Tom Neville. [24408/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of the events planned for Cruinniú na nÓg 2019 in Limerick city and county. — Tom Neville. [24416/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the plans in place for children in counties Carlow and Kilkenny to participate in the 2019 Cruinniú na nÓg festival; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [24516/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the local festivals and summer schools her Department is supporting in counties Carlow and Kilkenny through the 2019 scheme. — Pat Deering. [24517/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which she expects to support community heritage groups at local level in the remainder of 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24549/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which she continues to liaise with Waterways Ireland in order to address outstanding issues arising in respect of canal property and local interests; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24550/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which her Department has monitored the number of semi-derelict or derelict castles or historical buildings in need of extra preservation nationally; her plans for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24551/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans for archaeological excavation of historical sites that have not been investigated to date with particular reference to encouragement of local interest in such projects from both a tourist and archaeological point of view; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24552/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which she continues to support various community based cultural activities nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24553/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which she continues to liaise with the Office of Public Works to ensure that heritage sites and buildings continue to be protected and when necessary sealed to prevent water damage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24554/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which her Department directly or through the aegis of bodies under the remit of her Department continue to assist community based groups and organisations involved in musical or theatrical productions nationally with a view to maximising interest in the arts at local level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24555/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which the arts sector continues to attract support from philanthropists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24556/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which her support for the arts sector continues to result in continued activity and employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24557/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which she continues to encourage internationally the use of Ireland as a film location with obvious beneficial economic implications; the difficulties encountered in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24558/19]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 13 MEITHEAMH, 2019
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 13 JUNE, 2019**

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the actual operational strength of the Defence Forces or strength in station is lower than the official figure of 8,800 when personnel in training, those on leave of absence and those on overseas service are taken into account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24567/19]

2. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on claims by the former head social worker for the Defence Forces that they were ignored repeatedly when they warned his officials regarding increased poverty levels being endured by serving military personnel and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [24478/19]

3. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the recent comments by the former head of the Elite Rangers Wing in Chad that poor rates of pay and allowances for enlisted personnel, rather than officers, were driving personnel out of the Defence Forces; if he has

discussed these issues with the Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [24574/19]

4. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps have access to training and equipment on par with other Defence Forces throughout Europe and with a high degree of capability in dealing with unforeseen emergencies such as a terrorist attack; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24560/19]

5. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to improve the levels of pay and timing of pensions and gratuities in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24358/19]

6. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the work carried out within his Department and the progress made to increase the level of industrial relations support for serving personnel in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [24585/19]

7. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the progress being made in affording Defence Force representative organisations affiliation with a union (details supplied) as a means to advance the interests of their members in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [24584/19]

8. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the fact that almost 90% of Defence Forces personnel earn below the average public sector wage; the steps he will take to address same; and the reason it has not been addressed to date. — Clare Daly. [24343/19]

9. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if members of the Reserve Defence Forces are being paid on average 18% less than the rates being given to their counterparts in the Permanent Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [24480/19]

10. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on whether the pay and conditions with regard to members of the Defence Forces is having a negative effect on morale levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [24573/19]

11. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the decision which will prevent the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council from issuing medical certificates to Civil Defence personnel from August 2019 will be reversed in view of the fact that this will have a detrimental effect on local community and social events particularly in rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [24360/19]

12. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the Lariam medical advisory group, the establishment of which was recommended in the 2017 report of the Lariam working group, has been created or has met; and if so, the number of times it has met. — Clare Daly. [24346/19]

13. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his recruitment plans for the Defence Forces in 2019; the steps he is taking to address retention of personnel within the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [24357/19]

14. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the reason his Department declined to participate in the review by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform carried out in 2017 in relation to the retirement ages of public servants; his plans to commence a review of the

retirement ages of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24564/19]

15. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if a psychiatrist has been appointed to the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [24361/19]

16. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of personnel serving in the Permanent Defence Forces; his plans to increase the number of personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [24352/19]

17. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of personnel from the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps that took part in protection duties for the visit of President Trump; the total of the allowances paid for this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [24476/19]

18. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if Defence Forces personnel entitled to postal votes in recent elections were all able to do so in time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [24479/19]

19. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to improve pay and conditions for members of the Permanent Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [24353/19]

20. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he has considered the establishment of a standing armed forces pay review body similar to that established in the UK as has been requested by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24565/19]

21. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the comments of a former deputy commander of the Army Ranger Wing (details supplied) in regard to the ongoing crisis of pay, morale and retention in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [24342/19]

22. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to address the fact that the Defence Forces lost over a third of its strength between 2014 and 2018 with the result that basic functions cannot be fulfilled in view of the fact that simple recruitment of new members is not enough to fill the gaps left by the departure of experienced members. — Clare Daly. [24344/19]

23. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the engagement he has had with the Defence Forces representative associations in relation to the report of the Public Pay Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [24477/19]

24. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which the review of the Defence Forces' pay and conditions has progressed with particular reference to the need to stabilise the strength of the forces and achieve a higher degree of retention of personnel in the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24559/19]

25. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the changes he is planning to the process to distribute postal ballots to the Defence Forces to ensure that in future all members will receive

a ballot in sufficient time to cast it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [24583/19]

26. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on whether fewer Parliamentary Questions and representations is one of the key performance indicators of the Lariam Report Implementation Group (details supplied) in view of the fact that such indicators indicate issues with the approach of the group to the central issues regarding the Defence Forces' continued use of Lariam. — Clare Daly. [24345/19]

27. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the reason some members of the Defence Forces did not receive their postal ballots in time to vote in the recent local and European elections and referendum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [24582/19]

28. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of applications by members of the Naval Service to come ashore under the standing two year out, two year in policy; the number of these that have been denied in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24566/19]