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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence when proposals will be brought forward to improve pay and working conditions for members of the Defence Forces; if he is satisfied that the recommendations of the Public Pay Commission in relation to the Defence Forces are sufficient in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [24685/19]

2. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the action he has taken to implement the Dáil Éireann motion (details supplied) passed on 28 June 2017 to draw up a plan of action to help alleviate and address the ongoing concerns regarding the anti-malaria drug Lariam issued to military personnel serving on overseas missions in sub-Saharan Africa in the past other than fighting legal cases of victims of Lariam. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24568/19]

3. 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 recent visit of the President of the United States of America; the average length of the service provided by each member involved; the average allowance paid for this service to each member of the Defence Forces involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [24686/19]

4. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the pay disparity between members of the Defence Forces and An Garda Síochána during the recent visit by President Donald Trump; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [24581/19]

5. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if all Defence Forces personnel entitled to postal votes in the recent European and local elections received ballot papers in time to cast their vote; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [24687/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*34. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 127 of 26 March 2019, the number of former members of the Defence Forces that have been awarded damages in respect of injuries received while in the Defence Forces since 2009 to date; the number of members that have subsequently had their pension entitlements restricted due to the fact they received an award in court in the same time period; the extent to which it is planned to continue this practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24627/19]

*35. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the location in which Naval Service staff have been undergoing fire safety training in recent months; the arrangements being put in place in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24654/19]

*36. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the interaction he has had with the Department of Education and Skills in respect of the possibilities for a site for a new school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [24675/19]

*37. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which an adequate number of Irish troops scheduled to go abroad on UN and or EU missions are numerically strong enough to ensure their safety in hostile situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24743/19]

*38. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the current strength of each branch of the Defence Forces; the extent to which numbers have been augmented to the extent of ensuring maintenance of adequate strength throughout the forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24744/19]

*39. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of members of the Defence Forces that retired or resigned in each of the past three years; the number of replacements recruited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24745/19]

*40. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of women recruited to the Defence Forces in each of the past three years to date; the number that resigned or retired in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24746/19]

*41. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if, in the context of proposed overseas deployment of the Defence Forces, an opportunity may be taken to improve and upgrade training in line with an increased threat to their well-being; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24747/19]

*42. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which supply and transport throughout the Defence Forces is sufficiently upgraded and renewed to meet threats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24748/19]

*43. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which pay and conditions throughout the Defence Forces remain under review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24749/19]

*44. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which he remains satisfied that adequate resources remain available to the Air Corps and Naval Service to meet security or search and rescue demands likely to be made of them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24750/19]

*45. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the degree to which payments for overseas services by the Defence Forces are up to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24751/19]

*46. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of members of the Defence Forces scheduled to retire in the next twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24752/19]

*47. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which the Reserve Defence Forces receive annual training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24753/19]

*48. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the degree to which old or obsolete equipment continues to be upgraded and replaced throughout all branches of the Defence Forces including the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24754/19]

*49. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the staff numbers in his Department in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [24803/19]

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

*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he discussed the arrests of journalists involved in the making of a documentary (details supplied) with the UK Secretary of State for Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [24615/19]

*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action he has taken in relation to the conditions in detention camps in which refugees and migrants are being detained in Libya. — Clare Daly. [24649/19]

*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he or his officials have spoken with their Scottish counterparts in relation to Rockall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [24759/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*53. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the appointment of the new Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [24614/19]

*54. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost to date of legal fees incurred in the case being pursued by the State relating to the decision of the European Commission regarding the alleged grant of state aid to a company (details supplied); the names and amount of fees paid to date to each law firm, senior counsel and barrister; if the senior counsel or barristers are full-time employees of universities here; his views on whether such payments are in breach of the one person, one salary principle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [24623/19]

*55. To ask the Minister for Finance if a mortgage holder that enters into a split mortgage arrangement and honours that arrangement in full and that has never missed loan repayments is deemed to have an imperfect credit history as recorded on the Central Credit Register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24655/19]

*56. To ask the Minister for Finance if an anomaly (details supplied) in relation to the payment of the local property tax will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24660/19]

*57. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of cases that incurred a local property tax generated surcharge in each year since the local was introduced; the amount of such surcharges; the amounts actually paid in respect of these on an annual basis; the breakdown of the surcharge generated in relation to income tax, corporation tax and capital gains tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [24669/19]

*58. To ask the Minister for Finance if NAMA is prevented from selling properties back to defaulting debtors under section 172(3) of the National Asset Management Agency Act 2009; if this section or other parts of the Act prevent NAMA from selling loan notes back to the defaulting debtor; if so, the reason for the prohibition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24691/19]

*59. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the payment of PAYE taxation by persons that reside here but have a pension from both Ireland and Germany; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [24756/19]

*60. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the report he commissioned from a company (details supplied) on remuneration levels within Irish banks; if he has received and read the report; when he plans to publish the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24772/19]

*61. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to regulate so-called claims harvesting websites; the number of such sites active in the Irish market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24773/19]

*62. To ask the Minister for Finance the position in relation to the Central Bank ensuring there is individual accountability within the retail banks subject to current enforcement investigations relating to the tracker mortgage examination; if there is a further phase to the investigation in relation to a bank (details supplied) following the recent announcement of a fine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24775/19]

*63. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of vacancies in each functional area of the Central Bank in tabular form; the percentage vacancy rate represents of the staffing allocation for that function for each vacancy; the date each position has been vacant since; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24776/19]

*64. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications for authorisation the Central Bank has received on foot of the enactment of the Consumer Protection (Regulation of Credit Servicing Firms) Act 2018 by firms that hold the ownership of Irish mortgages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24777/19]

*65. To ask the Minister for Finance if Ireland breached the expenditure benchmark limit in 2018; his views on whether Ireland will breach the expenditure benchmark limit in 2019; the amount of expenditure permitted under the expenditure benchmark for 2019; the current expectation of the actual expenditure for 2019; the implications from the European Commission if Ireland were to breach the expenditure benchmark limit for two years in a row; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24793/19]

*66. To ask the Minister for Finance his role in deciding which candidate Ireland will support to succeed Mr. Mario Draghi as President of the European Central Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24794/19]

*67. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of first-time buyer help-to-buy scheme applicants and approved recipients, respectively since its inception by county; the value of the scheme by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [24821/19]

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

*68. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of civil servants at work here in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Noel Rock. [24665/19]

*69. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the public consultation on the Draft Phoenix Park Visitor Experience Strategic Review; when the final document will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [24640/19]

*70. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the previous tender for the provision of external workplace investigation services for Departments and other public bodies established in March 2015 provide for scenarios (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24714/19]

*71. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of meetings held by the Civil Service Accountability Board per annum since its inception to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [24825/19]

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

*72. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of school transport for children (details supplied) in County Tipperary. — Seamus Healy. [24638/19]

*73. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeline for talks to commence with school secretaries; if a date will be set for commencement of negotiations with representatives of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [24600/19]

*74. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if guidelines will be introduced to ensure secondary schools have a policy in place to accept students from local feeder primary schools in order to ensure no child is left without a secondary school place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [24601/19]

*75. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he is satisfied with the level of access to education for children with special needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [24602/19]

*76. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the negotiations between City of Dublin Education and Training Board and Educate Together in respect of the delivery of a multi-denominational co-educational second-level school for the Dublin 7 area to be based at a school (details supplied); if the multi-denominational co-educational school will open ahead of the 2020/2021 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [24634/19]

*77. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the guidelines provided to primary schools in relation to job sharing of teachers; if there are limits to the number of job sharing posts a school can have; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [24635/19]

*78. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in relation to the replacement of the fire training unit at an educational facility (details supplied) in County Cork; the person or body responsible for its replacement; when it will be replaced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24653/19]

*79. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when an official from his Department last visited and inspected the condition of a special needs school (details supplied) in County Cork; his views on whether the conditions at the school are acceptable; when a school building will be put

in place; the process and timeline in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24657/19]

*80. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of primary school students nationally in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Noel Rock. [24664/19]

*81. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a scholarship (details supplied) in the National University of Ireland, Cork, which is restricted to students of one particular religious faith; if the matter will be raised with the university; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [24674/19]

*82. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of progress in identifying a site for a new school build (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [24676/19]

*83. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress of a new school building for a school (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [24688/19]

*84. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide compensation to qualified teachers that have returned from working abroad and that have been paid on a further education basis since their return due to not being registered with the Teaching Council through no fault of their own as a result of a backlog of applications with the Teaching Council; his views on whether teachers that have been working at a reduced salary while awaiting registration due to the backlog situation with the Teaching Council should receive arrears according to the appropriate pay scale which should have been registered or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [24693/19]

*85. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a report (details supplied) and its findings. — Ruth Coppinger. [24698/19]

*86. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when an official from his Department last visited and inspected the condition of a special needs school (details supplied) in County Cork; his views on whether the conditions at the school are acceptable; when a school building will be in place; the process and timeline in that regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24706/19]

*87. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason special needs assistants (details supplied) are not being given full-time posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24711/19]

*88. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 15 of 6 March 2019, if his Department has completed its analysis of the proposal by Cavan and Monaghan ETB to close schools (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is widespread opposition at local level to the ETB proposal; his plans to ensure that the present delivery of second-level school services in the west County Cavan area through the schools will continue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [24712/19]

*89. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 222 of 29 January 2019 and 253 of 19 February 2019, the reason a board of management member may cease to be a member of the board at the decision or discretion of the patron which is not provided

for in section 16 of the Education Act 1998 and or in the governance manual for primary schools 2015 to 2019 in section 7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24713/19]

*90. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the decision to deny SNA provision for a student (details supplied) will be reviewed. — Thomas Byrne. [24797/19]

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

*91. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an application for citizenship by persons (details supplied) received by his Department on 16 April 2019, will be expedited; if while awaiting assessment of same the passports of a spouse and minors will be returned due to the family taking a vacation back to their home country on 25 June 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [24619/19]

*92. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the options open to a person (details supplied) under the special scheme for students that would have met the full criteria for the 2005 to 2010 period had they not been issued a visa in April 2019 changing their status and is now being penalised due to a technicality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [24632/19]

*93. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the additional measures being utilised to tackle crime in Lusk village; and the steps being taken to ensure the safety of residents. — Louise O'Reilly. [24642/19]

*94. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017 will be reviewed in view of the imprisonment of two sex workers one pregnant for working in a shared space under the charge of brothel keeping. — Clare Daly. [24646/19]

*95. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if one Garda vetting application can be carried between separate organisations; and if not, if a person has to complete a separate application for each organisation with which they are involved. — James Lawless. [24670/19]

*96. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of individual prisoners that were held on 22 or 23 hour lock up for 15 or more consecutive days in 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [24701/19]

*97. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the average length of time individual prisoners spent in safety observation cells and close supervision cells from 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2019; and the longest duration of time spent in each type of cell over the period. — Clare Daly. [24702/19]

*98. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of incidents of sexual violence recorded across the prison system in 2018 and to date in 2019; his views on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [24703/19]

*99. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of prisoners sleeping on mattresses on the floor each night in all prisons during February, March, April and May 2019. — Clare Daly. [24704/19]

*100. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will report on the operation of the regime management plan in the Midlands Prison; the impact of the plan on the operation of the prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24715/19]

*101. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which a review has taken place in respect of residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24718/19]

*102. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current or expected status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24719/19]

*103. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24720/19]

*104. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current or expected residency status and or eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24721/19]

*105. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the child of a person (details supplied) can join them with the other parent from another EU country with regard to the health of the child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24722/19]

*106. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) can achieve dual citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24723/19]

*107. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) can upgrade their residency status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24724/19]

*108. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed to obtain stamp 4 status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24726/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding the determination of eligibility for an update of stamp 4 and or naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24736/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding the determination of eligibility for stamp 4 status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24740/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the relevant section in his Department has received the necessary documentation to facilitate a review of the case for extended residency and or leave to remain in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24741/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the increased use of cocaine; if he has met the Garda Commissioner to discuss same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [24761/19]

*113. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he is considering a campaign regarding the use and dangers of cocaine and its consequences on criminal gangs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [24762/19]

*114. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to regulate so-called claims harvesting websites; the number of such sites active in the Irish market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24774/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress of the prison healthcare review following the appointment of the executive clinical lead; when the findings of the review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24790/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the ratio of medical staff, that is, the number of general practitioners and nurses per prisoner per prison in May 2019; the provision of psychologists, psychiatrists and addiction counsellors per prisoner per prison in May 2019; the number of prisoners on waiting lists per prison to access all such services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24791/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of vacancies on each prison visiting committee in 2019; and his plans to reform the current prison visiting committees including the appointments process and quality and standardisation of reporting. — Catherine Murphy. [24798/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of complaints received by the Irish Prison Service in relation to prisoner escort services in 2018 and to date in 2019; the predominant issues raised in these complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24799/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount of maximum entitlement to unpaid parental leave available to a parent that works on a week-on and week-off basis. — Róisín Shortall. [24814/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí deployed by Garda division further to the recent announcement of the deployment of newly qualified gardaí. — Róisín Shortall. [24816/19]

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 the process by which she plans to transpose the ECN+ Directive (Directive 2019/1); if consideration will be given to the establishment of an expert advisory group to advise on the significant administrative, resource and legislative requirements of transposition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [24596/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the fact that the European Commission deemed it necessary to open a formal investigation into alleged anti-competitive behaviour in the insurance sector here in view of the fact that the matter is one that falls within the competence of the CCPC; her further views on whether the CCPC has sufficient resources to effectively enforce competition law here; her views on the ability of the CCPC to effectively investigate alleged infringements of competition law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [24597/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the current status of the pending work permit application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24725/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her Department will be in a position to assist the development of a software package to assist small businesses in towns and villages nationally in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24742/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the date documentation (details supplied) was received by the Companies Registration Office. — Róisín Shortall. [24764/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of times in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, the Labour Court has used its powers under section 41 of the National Minimum Wage Act 2000; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [24771/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*127. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to recruit dental hygienists in CHO1 and CHO2 to address significant waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [24592/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a HSE post remains open to applicants following an offer being made and accepted; if applicants are informed of same before the offer of employment is withdrawn and the position filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [24593/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will be seen by a consultant otolaryngologist as an outpatient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24594/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for home support by a person (details supplied) in County Leitrim who cannot be discharged from hospital until the service is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [24598/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a six year old child (details supplied) who will be transitioning from a service to a local mainstream school in September 2019 will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [24603/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health if a child (details supplied) will be called for an assessment as soon as possible. — Billy Kelleher. [24604/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 852 of 8 May 2019, the steps a person can take to seek justice in the case of medical negligence dating back a number of years in which the symptoms of the person as a result became more apparent and worse years later in cases in which the case is statute barred and the person cannot avail of justice from the State Claims Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24605/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for a urology exam in University Hospital Galway; the reason for the delay; the actions being taken

to reduce the waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24621/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health if there are circumstances by which a refund can be sought in instances (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24622/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an orthodontic appointment referral for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24624/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taking to ensure that an increase in sexually transmitted infections in Carlow IT is being tackled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [24625/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health if a date will be provided for surgery for a person (details supplied); the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24626/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE recruitment freeze brought in for three months will be lifted by the end of June 2019, in view of the fact that no updates or information have been given on the matter and that staff had accepted permanent promotional positions only to have them frozen. — Clare Daly. [24647/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is on a waiting list for a residential placement; if so, the position on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24658/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that families including the child being cared for with a paediatric homecare package are able to travel abroad for special occasions with the support of that homecare package; when the plans will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24659/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health if a temporary child psychologist will be appointed to the HSE CAMHS unit in Celbridge primary care centre to provide cover when the psychologist in situ goes on maternity leave in the coming weeks in order to ensure continuity of this essential service to vulnerable children and adolescents; if the replacement temporary child psychologist has been recruited; if so, if the commencement date has been confirmed; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [24661/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons treated in Northern Ireland under the cross border Initiative in each year since 2014; the number treated to date in 2019; the payments by the HSE in each year in respect of these cases; the procedures the HSE has in place regarding the fitness for practice of the various persons that carry out medical procedures in Northern Ireland under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [24668/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health the reason home help cannot be provided to a person that is 65 years of age and has been diagnosed with advanced dementia which is steadily progressing and which refusal is on the basis that they are under 65 years of age; if an exception can be made for a person with this medical condition which necessitates ongoing care and particularly some hours of home help; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [24680/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address an issue regarding a medical card for a person (details supplied). — Willie Penrose. [24681/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [24710/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) must wait four weeks until a MRI scan regarding a possible case of prostate cancer may be read by a consultant; if four weeks is deemed an appropriate waiting time for a rapid clinic; if a verbal report on the scan may be given to the general practitioner of the person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [24716/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24733/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can qualify for free hospital treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24734/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [24758/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Health his views regarding the increased use and purity of cocaine; if he has met with the Minister for Justice and Equality to discuss same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [24760/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering a campaign against cocaine use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [24763/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Health the role of the new post of CHO network manager; the job specification, grade and rate of pay of same; the role to be replaced by this post; if positions vacated by appointment to the post will be back filled; the persons or bodies that will report to this management role; the person or body the network manager will report to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24767/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there has been no quarterly performance reports published by the HSE since September 2018; and the steps he will take to ensure these are published without further delay. — Róisín Shortall. [24779/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health the oversight arrangements in his Department to ensure that the HSE complies with policy and that its performance is satisfactory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24780/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges by hospital. — Róisín Shortall. [24781/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the budget for homecare services; the estimated cost in 2019 of the requirement to pay staff for travel time further to an EU Directive; the estimated number of homecare hours which will now not be funded as a result of this change; his plans to seek a supplementary budget to make up this shortfall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24782/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for homecare services by CHO; and when these waiting times will be addressed. — Róisín Shortall. [24783/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health the progress on his commitment in December 2018 to produce the legal documents which are to give effect to the agreement reached with St. Vincent's Healthcare Group which he stated would protect the investment of the State and guarantee clinical and operational independence for the national maternity hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24784/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health the timescale to which he is working for the provision of a new national maternity hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24785/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of Sláintecare. — Róisín Shortall. [24786/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health the number of suicides which took place in County Tipperary in 2018 and to date in 2019; the preventative service provision in response to these figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24789/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health if an investigation will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24795/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health the proposed revisions of the fair deal scheme; the estimated first and full year cost of those revisions; when he expects the relevant legislation to be published; when he expects the legislation to have completed all stages in the Houses of the Oireachtas; the estimated cost of making these revisions retrospective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [24796/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [24802/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health if a procedure for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24807/19]

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

*167. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that applied for the sheep welfare scheme in 2019; the number that did not submit their sheep census returns by the due date of 15 February; if he will now accept late applications from those that overlooked this task by accident; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24612/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24613/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an ANC appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [24639/19]

*170. 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 officials citing problems with information technology systems as the reason behind the delays; if the system is adequate; when payments will be issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24677/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if conditions (details supplied) will be included in the CAP reform negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24683/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the financial allocations on an annual basis under the 2014-2020 RDP to the organic farming scheme; the annual amount expended on the programme in each year since established; the number of approved applicants in the scheme that received payments in each year; and the number that have not received payments in each year since being established by advance and balancing payments in tabular form. — Jackie Cahill. [24804/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the targets committed, that is, number of hectares of new land into production and number of hectares of converted land under the organic farming scheme for the 2014-2020 RDP window; and the progress to date on these targets. — Jackie Cahill. [24805/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has requested his colleague the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation to consider issuing additional work permits for the dairy sector. — Jackie Cahill. [24806/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the changes to equations in the classification machines at meat plants which determine the conformation and fat score of cattle; and his views on the position of a farm organisation (details supplied) that these changes reward factories over farmers. — Charlie McConalogue. [24808/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the recent EU CAP report (details supplied) and the findings of reduced greenhouse gas emissions due to measures under pillar 1 and 2. — Charlie McConalogue. [24810/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1145 of 8 May 2019, the number of farmers nationally awaiting an additional payment as referenced for GLAS payments in each of the years 2016 to 2018, in tabular form; and the number of farmers awaiting such payments by amounts (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [24811/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports and protections he will provide to fishermen in County Donegal to ensure they have unhindered access to fishing waters around Rockall following the announcement of the Scottish Government that it will take enforcement action against Irish vessels found fishing within 12 miles of Rockall; the steps he is taking to ensure Irish fishing interests are maintained and access to these fishing waters continue with respect to bilateral discussions with Scotland and the UK, EU level discussions and with talks at the level of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea; the historic overview of territorial claims to these waters; and the steps being taken to ensure the territorial right of Ireland to fish in this area continues. — Charlie McConalogue. [24812/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the criteria set down in a draft EU Commission implementing regulation providing temporary exceptional adjustment aid to farmers in the beef sector that the support will be given on the condition that measures taken by Ireland shall be aimed at reducing production or restructuring the beef and veal sector (details supplied); when his attention was first drawn to the fact that this specific restructuring criteria would need to be fulfilled for such adjustment aid; and the position he took when his attention was drawn to this provision. — Charlie McConalogue. [24813/19]

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

*180. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will address matters (details supplied) in relation to applications for licences. — Bríd Smith. [24690/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the opening of the second phase of the support scheme for renewable heat which will provide operational support for biomass boilers and anaerobic digestion heating systems; the specific supports in terms of grant aid which will be available to farmers interested in applying and investing in anaerobic digestion heating systems; the criteria which will apply for applicants; the closing date for applications; the current and capital allocations to the scheme in 2019; and the allocations fixed for the following years. — Charlie McConalogue. [24809/19]

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

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a matter in relation to an abandoned trawler at a location (details supplied) will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [24662/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the road passenger service routes funded under the LocalLink programme by the National Transport Authority for which the operators are receiving direct payment under the free travel scheme. — Clare Daly. [24705/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the National Transport Authority will be instructed to accept applications for new vehicle licences for hackney licence holders in view of the practice by which it will only accept applications for wheelchair accessible taxis, hackneys, local area hackneys and limousines in further view of the fact this discriminates against persons that wish to enter the trade with a standard vehicle and is anti-competition in its nature; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24595/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of Galway Port; his plans to maintain the Port as a national tier 2 port or to downgrade it to a port of regional importance in view of the major development plans being developed for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24609/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding policy on concussion in sport; his plans to introduce a standardised policy for all sports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [24666/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the proposed new passenger rolling stock for Irish Rail will have space for the carriage of a minimum of eight bicycles as recommended by the European Parliament (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24768/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the electrification of the rail line from Dublin to Maynooth; if the rolling stock that will run on the line will make full provision for persons with assisted mobility requirements; if the rolling stock will be enabled with bicycle, pram and buggy storage room; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24769/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the capital expenditure of his Department from 1 January to 30 April 2019 under the heading of B8.5 cycling and walking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [24770/19]

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

*190. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the budgetary allocation Tusla received from her Department in the past four years; the name of all organisations, bodies, institutions and so on that are assisting Tusla with funding or have assisted Tusla with funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [24648/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 609 of 21 May 2019, the reason no specific budget for counselling services is being provided for a refuge (details supplied); the alternative sources of funding she recommends the refuge to apply for in order that it can continue to provide critical and essential services to vulnerable women and children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [24695/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when a refuge (details supplied) will be fully operational again; the capacity it will have in terms of space and bed numbers for persons that wish to use it; if there is scope for children to accompany and stay with their guardians that may attend same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kate O'Connell. [24696/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount Tusla has paid to a service (details supplied) for the placement of Irish children in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [24700/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there is funding in relation to providing a new concept of a full outdoor preschool. — Peter Burke. [24792/19]

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

*195. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of meetings held to date in 2019 of Comhairle na Tuaithe; the work programme of the body for the remainder of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24607/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress made to date regarding legislation to provide an insurance indemnity to farmers that provide access to their hill

land for recreational purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24608/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the date documentation (details supplied) was received by the Charities Regulator. — Róisín Shortall. [24765/19]

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 when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive confirmation of their stamp contribution history for 2019 in order to have their illness benefit application processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [24599/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for the delay for the medical review on social welfare cases such as carer's allowance, domiciliary care allowance, invalidity pension and disability which is taking up to 26 weeks for the review to take place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [24697/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons employed by the Defence Forces in receipt of the working family payment. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [24606/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the total contribution system is to be introduced as the sole method by which State pension entitlements are assessed and the averaging system abolished for new applications; when it is planned to amend the law to this effect; the date this change will be effective from; her plans to increase the age at which applicants become eligible for the State pension from the present 66 years of age upwards; when these changes will apply; the details of the new age limits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24611/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of children aged 4 to 11 years of age that were and are eligible for the back to school clothing and footwear payment in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date 2019; the overall cost of the back to school clothing and footwear payment for children aged 4 to 11 years in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24629/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of children over 12 years of age attending secondary school that were and are eligible for the back to school clothing and footwear payment for each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the overall cost of the back to school clothing and footwear payment for children aged over 12 years of age attending secondary school in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24630/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of children attending a third-level institution that were and are eligible for the back to school clothing and footwear payment for each of in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the overall cost of the back to school clothing and footwear payment for children attending a third-level institution in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24631/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the average turnaround time for appeals to be dealt with in the social welfare appeals office; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that Departmental papers are taking at least two months to be forwarded to the appeals office after an appeal is registered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [24633/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for a disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [24636/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the wishes of persons (details supplied) in relation to participation on a community employment scheme will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24650/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a companion pass application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24667/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amounts paid to a person (details supplied) in respect of the increase they received in payments for two qualified children from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [24678/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount received by a person (detail supplied) for them and their spouse as adult dependents for the year ended 31 December 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [24679/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the file of a person (details supplied) will be forwarded to the appeals section in order for the appeal to be further investigated; if this will be forwarded as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [24694/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her Department has compiled data on young carers here; if so, if the data will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [24707/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons aged 15 to 18 years of age that are considered carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [24708/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her Department provides supports, financial or otherwise to carers under 18 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [24709/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when arrears of jobseeker's allowance and rent support is payable in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24727/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the manner in which an overpayment occurred in the case of a person (details supplied); if a nominal amount of repayment can be agreed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24728/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an alleged overpayment in case of a person (details supplied) is eligible for late appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24731/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the correct level of rent support payable in the case of a recipient of invalidity pension paying a rent of €500 per month; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24732/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24735/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when an exceptional needs payment will be made in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24737/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the exact weekly payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24738/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when an appeal will be determined in respect of a person (details supplied); if the precise indicative level of payment in their case has been posted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24739/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to delays affecting carer's benefit applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [24757/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the circumstance in which a person (details supplied) in Dublin 11 that moved from an invalidity pension to a State pension (contributory) receiving an additional €50 per week but as a result of this the person lost their diet allowance of €47.87 per month; the reason a person on a State pension (contributory) is not entitled to a diet allowance; and the rationale for a decision in this case. — Róisín Shortall. [24778/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding a review of claimants of the domiciliary care allowance; the purpose of this review; the person or body that initiated it; if parents of children of lifelong permanent conditions will not be subject to this review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24788/19]

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

*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider exploring the possibility that the Irish Coast Guard air sea rescue could assist the Air Corps in dealing with wildfire control in times of absolute emergency; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that such arrangements exist in other countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [24363/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the process for changes to local election boundaries; the way in which local residents can input to such processes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [24628/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the final report of the review of the tenant purchase scheme will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [24637/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when pyrite remediation works will be concluded at a location (details supplied) in County Dublin. — Louise O'Reilly. [24641/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the roll out of affordable housing schemes for Fingal. — Louise O'Reilly. [24643/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the case of a person (details supplied); if the matter will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24652/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if, under the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme, the underwriter can take account of an imminent pay rise that an applicant is due to receive as a public servant on a pay scale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [24656/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of permanent employees in each county council. — Noel Rock. [24672/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the mortality rates in emergency homeless accommodation; if the matter is being examined and assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [24692/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the difficulty in tracking strategic housing development planning applications including co-living proposals through An Bord Pleanála and its respective website; his plans to ensure information on planning applications is more easily accessible to the general public in order that local communities are informed regarding planning applications in their area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [24699/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the decision based on advice of officials of Kilkenny County Council by a majority vote to ban the presence of the media and members of the public from SPC meetings in standing orders; his plans to issue guidance to local authorities on the matter; if the Local Government Act 2014 will be amended to ensure that all meetings of local authorities are publicly accessible and broadcast over the internet as matter of course and transparency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [24755/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the implementation status of the organisational review of An Bord Pleanála published in 2016; and the implementation status of each of the 101 recommendations contained in the report in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [24766/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position in respect of the promised regulatory change regarding fire safety in buildings following the fire in Newbridge in April 2015, the Carrickmines fire in October 2015, the Clongriffin fire in November 2016, the Clondalkin fire in March 2017, the Santry fire in March 2018 and others; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24787/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the rules and regulations regarding solar panels on domestic dwellings; the restrictions on the positions they can be located on a dwelling; the number of same that can be attached to a dwelling; and if he has consulted with the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment regarding allowing for energy generated from the panels to be directed back into the national grid. — Catherine Murphy. [24800/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to update the Planning and Development Acts in the context of aspects regarding solar panel use in domestic or commercial new builds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24801/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the timeframe for the delivery of affordable units under the local infrastructure housing activation fund; the location of the units on a local authority basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [24817/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the estimated average price reduction per unit under units provided under the local infrastructure housing activation fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [24818/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the drawdown of funding under LIHAF to date by project; the number of units delivered per project to date; the number projected per project; the number of affordable units to be provided per project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [24819/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of housing projects approved under the urban regeneration and development fund or the rural regeneration and development fund to date; the anticipated number of units; the number of affordable units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [24820/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of applicants, number of approved applicants, number of refused applicants, number of applicants sent for further information, amount of funding and loans issued under the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme by local authority to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [24822/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of approved housing body applications for capital advance leasing facility loans in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of housing units applied for per annum; the number and value of applications approved and associated housing units; the number and value of applications and associated units refused per annum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [24823/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the provision for capital advance leasing facility loans in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [24824/19]

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

*248. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil aon mheasúnú déanta, nó an bhfuil sé i gceist aon mheasúnú a dhéanamh, ar na feidearthachtaí atá ann chun síneadh beag a chur leis na haerstráicí a úsáidtear le seirbhís aeir a chur ar fáil do na hoileáin chun gur féidir leo eitleán a d'fhéadfadh 20 paisinéir a iompar in aon tráth amháin, a ghlacadh; cén síneadh a bheadh i gceist i ngach cás lena dtabhairt cothrom le caighdeán 1,800 troigh; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24610/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the local festivals and summer schools being supported by her Department in the 2019 scheme in County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [24671/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the level of interest in the peatlands community engagement scheme 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [24673/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the measures being undertaken in County Offaly to protect and restore biodiversity in view of the rising awareness among the public of the need to protect biodiversity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [24689/19]