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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the emergency contingencies and supports in place to safeguard SMEs and export businesses here from a hard Brexit scenario if the UK leaves the EU with no-deal in place; if a request will be submitted to Director General for Competition seeking changes to state aid rules in advance of the 31 October 2019 deadline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41306/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to conduct a review of local enterprise offices; her further plans to introduce reforms to the local enterprise office network; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [41217/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the measures in Budget 2020 to reduce the costs of doing business, reverse competitiveness deficiencies and create a more attractive environment for entrepreneurs here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41307/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the research undertaken on the issue of flexible working including its impact on the welfare of employees; the number of staff assigned to the report being currently compiled by her Department on the issue; her plans to publish the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [41103/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she has received a report from an organisation (details supplied) which highlights the threat to the goals of Ireland 2040 if aviation policy is not reviewed to recognise the importance of air connectivity in achieving regional balance and sustainability of jobs; if she will ensure that policy is reviewed to support businesses in the regions to remain connected in view of the threats posed by Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [41116/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the timeline for implementation of each of the 14 recommendations made by the Personal Injuries Commission regarding personal injury awards. — Robert Troy. [41110/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the most recent update on regional IDA site visits per county and vacant IDA properties nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41111/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when successful projects under the 2019 Regional Enterprise Development Fund will be announced; if shovel ready projects will be prioritised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [41114/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to introduce additional measures to assist small and medium enterprises in the Border region to deal with the adverse impacts of Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41084/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to introduce specific programmes to assist small and medium enterprises in the Border region, which are heavily dependent on Britain as an export market, to deal with the adverse impacts of Brexit and help protect employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41085/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps the enterprise agencies are taking to support job creation in counties Westmeath and Longford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41007/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she has spoken to her German counterpart in relation to the Mercosur agreement. — Michael Moynihan. [30008/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the details of consultation her Department or agencies under the remit of her Department may have had or research they may have undertaken on the matter of impediments to women working in business or becoming entrepreneurs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [41105/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps Enterprise Ireland and the IDA are taking to drive job creation in County Sligo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [40774/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to streamline the application process for work permits; the actions being taken to reduce the processing time; the number of applications received to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [40821/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the progress being made under the IDA Regional Property Programme in terms of developing landing space to attract FDI to County Sligo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [40773/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the amount remaining in existing funds allocated by her Department to various schemes to assist companies to prepare for Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [40871/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will bring forward proposals to encourage remote working amongst businesses; her views on the way in which remote working can support regional development nationally and in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [40962/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to address the issue of unemployment and the need for further investment in the south east; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [40776/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of new jobs created by the IDA in 2018; the percentage of these jobs which were outside Dublin; the efforts being made to increase IDA employment in County Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [40966/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if local enterprises offices have seen a decrease in assistance for entrepreneurial activities in the lead-up to Brexit and the potential threats to the economy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [40863/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which she expects to capitalise on job opportunities arising as a result of regional or global policy changes with particular reference to ensuring that exporters have ready access to alternative markets in the event of displacement for whatever reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41083/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when she will publish the full ODCE report into the collapse of the trial of a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [41112/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when successful projects under the 2019 Regional Enterprise Development Fund will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [40866/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when the new SME and entrepreneurship strategy will be published; the planned areas of focus; the impact the strategy will have on regional development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [40963/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will report on the performance of exports in 2019; her views on the reported decrease in exports during the second quarter of May and June 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [40865/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps being taken to reduce the employment permit application processing time. — Robert Troy. [41113/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will report on the study by the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission into the insurance industry, including brokers; when the study will be published; the parameters of the study; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [40864/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the administration of the INAB; the correspondence and or discussions her Department has had with the INAB in 2018 and or 2019; the correspondence and or discussions she has had with other Departments regarding the board; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40867/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which she remains satisfied regarding adequacy of investment in job creation through the medium enterprise and innovation, with particular reference to the need to avail of new opportunities to offset anticipated losses through Brexit; the degree to which regional investment in such job creation remains integrally part policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41082/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the progress in strengthening the operation of the office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [40873/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the role her Department has played in the Mercosur and Ireland-US trade deals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [37382/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the measures being put in place to assist businesses that may experience unanticipated breaks in their supply chain as a result of a possible hard Brexit despite their best efforts to address these issues in advance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [40872/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the details of each State infrastructure project that is in development or is due for completion in 2019 in which it is in excess of the budget assigned to the project for its current stage to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [39522/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the supports she is putting in place to help support businesses through Brexit both nationally and in Border counties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [40960/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of new jobs created by the IDA in 2018; the percentage of these jobs which were outside Dublin; the efforts being made to increase IDA employment in County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [40961/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of applications received under the 2019 Regional Enterprise Development Fund; when she plans to announce successful applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [40964/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she formally submitted a request or is preparing to submit a request at EU level to revise State aid rules as set out in Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 to protect exposed enterprises and exporters here from Brexit. — Robert Troy. [41109/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of persons currently on work permits and attached to a singular employer and or sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [38877/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she is taking to support small businesses in north western areas of County Cork; the way in which she plans to address the challenges they are facing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [41126/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the various schemes offered to assist businesses in preparing for Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [41127/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her Department or the IDA have held meetings or had interactions with business or company regarding the possibility of multinationals providing housing in cities here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [41104/19]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his telephone conversations with the UK Prime Minister Mr. Boris Johnson on 2 October 2019. — Lisa Chambers. [41238/19]

*44. To ask the Taoiseach the incidental expenses incurred by his Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019. — Mattie McGrath. [41255/19]

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

*45. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the incidental expenses incurred by his Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41245/19]

*46. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the position regarding a fund for former members of the Army that were bereaved following the death of a near relative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41286/19]

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

*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the incidental expenses incurred by his Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41249/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*48. To ask the Minister for Finance the percentage of businesses that have the facility to make customs declarations or have plans in place for a customs agent to do so in the context of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [41236/19]

*49. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of new customs officials that have been hired in preparation for Brexit; if all new hires are trained; if all new hires will be in place by 31 October 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [41237/19]

*50. To ask the Minister for Finance the incidental expenses incurred by his Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41248/19]

*51. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether it is appropriate that the Revenue Commissioners send repeated letters threatening legal action within a short space of time in cases where a person has voluntarily completed a self-assessment and found to have a tax liability. — Robert Troy. [41257/19]

*52. To ask the Minister for Finance if a series of matters in relation to a bank (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41262/19]

*53. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider reducing alcohol excise tax by 7.5% in order to protect jobs in the hospitality sector and prevent Ireland being exposed to an increased negative impact by Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41282/19]

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

*54. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the incidental expenses incurred by his Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41253/19]

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

*55. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a child (details supplied) cannot now get a school bus in view of the fact they have availed of one for the past 2 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41258/19]

*56. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the catchment area for a school (details supplied) will be extended into the Ashtown and Navan Road area to cater for those seeking co-educational school options; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [41204/19]

*57. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when school transport will be approved and in place for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [41205/19]

*58. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding an area (details supplied) in County Meath which is not located in a secondary school catchment area; and the school children from the area should attend. — Thomas Byrne. [41235/19]

*59. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the incidental expenses incurred by his Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41246/19]

*60. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to school secretaries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41270/19]

*61. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has considered making a comprehensive culinary and nutritional education to a mandatory element of primary and secondary curriculum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41281/19]

*62. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for the Teagasc building in Kinsealy, County Dublin which houses a school (details supplied); if there is capacity for another school to be located in the building in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41284/19]

*63. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when applicants for the 2020 summer works scheme will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41287/19]

*64. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding car parks within school-owned property and issues related to patrolling cars parked within disabled parking spaces without a valid blue badge permit and cars parked on double yellow lines; the policy regarding such cases, especially when in cases in which the matter falls outside the remit of An Garda Síochána and the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41301/19]

*65. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person (details supplied) cannot receive an allocation of further home tuition hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41311/19]

*66. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a non EEA citizen who is resident here for more than a decade and married to an Irish citizen is not eligible for EU status for third level fees and free fees in view of the fact a similar non EEA citizen married to a non Irish EU citizen and resident here for a similar period and therefore having EU treaty rights is eligible for EU status for third level fees and free fees. — Thomas Byrne. [41329/19]

*67. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount of funding historically provided to an organisation (details supplied) through the springboard stream of funding; the way in which this funding is monitored in order to ensure it is used appropriately; if audits are conducted on bodies in receipt of this stream of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41359/19]

*68. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the third level institutions which have informed his Department of plans to reduce enrolment in the coming years; the institute and planned enrolment reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [41362/19]

*69. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for the delay in the payment of a bi-annual payment made to cover the rent for a school (details supplied); when the payment will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [41364/19]

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

*70. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the incidental expenses incurred by his Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41252/19]

*71. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of text alerts that have been sent out to each text alert group in each Garda district in the Limerick Garda division in each of the years

2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41352/19]

*72. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a decision by INIS to refuse an extension to a visitor permission to a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41353/19]

*73. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons working for the legal aid board that are unpaid and or receive expenses only and or are classified as intern in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41363/19]

*74. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he is finalising plans to fill vacancies in the judiciary; his views on the fact that the delay in doing same is causing cases to be delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [41373/19]

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

*75. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the incidental expenses incurred by her Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41241/19]

*76. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the restaurant and hospitality rate will be reviewed in the event of a hard and disorderly Brexit in order to safeguard one of the largest employers and ensure that the tourism sector here remains competitive at EU level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41271/19]

*77. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if more supports will be put in place for restaurants in terms of ensuring that they are not left with the entire financial burden when taking on an apprenticeship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41272/19]

*78. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if another report on the hospitality sector will be compiled by the Expert Group on Future Skills Needs for the five year period beyond 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41273/19]

*79. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a review of apprenticeships and measures taken to ensure that culinary students receive the same benefits as apprentices from other sectors for example bursaries, expenses and so on will be carried out by her Department. — Carol Nolan. [41274/19]

*80. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the way in which she plans to address inequalities between pre-2016 apprenticeships and new apprenticeships post 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41275/19]

*81. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if more supports will be put in place for restaurants in terms of ensuring that they are not taking on the entire financial burden when taking on an apprenticeship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41276/19]

*82. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the announcement by the United States of America that it will begin applying WTO tariffs on certain EU goods commencing 18 October 2019 which will result in tariffs on Irish exports in the agriculture sector; the discussions she had with authorities in the United States of America, other member states and the Commission on this development; the discussions she has had with Irish companies that will be impacted by these tariffs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41283/19]

*83. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which she remains satisfied that she has identified, supported and encouraged new enterprises with a dependency on innovation and technology with a view to the replacement of job losses in the aftermath of Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41333/19]

*84. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of jobs at risk in a worst case scenario in the manufacturing service sectors arising from Brexit in all regions nationally; the degree to which she can offset such losses through new investment, new markets and new technology; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41334/19]

*85. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the degree to which innovation and technology has played a part in job creation in each of the past three years to date, whether sufficient scope exists to improve on this situation in the future having particular regard to the negative impact of Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41335/19]

*86. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which she has been in contact with manufacturing and service sectors thereby identifying vulnerabilities in the aftermath of Brexit with particular reference to the need to identify new and competitive organisation, the identification and creation of potential new markets and organisation procedures with a view to identifying manufacturing and service opportunities for the future with the need to make provision in challenging world markets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41336/19]

*87. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which the manufacturing sector has grown in the past five years; the scope for the future in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41337/19]

*88. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which the service sector has grown in the past five years; the scope for the future in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41338/19]

*89. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she has taken to withstand the impact of Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41339/19]

*90. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which international trade in the future is likely to be governed by WTO norms with particular reference to recent developments in this regard affecting world markets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41340/19]

*91. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which she has met with or proposes to meet with importers throughout the EU and globally, with a view to identifying

opportunities for exports in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41341/19]

*92. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which she has identified new markets for Irish products in the Brexit era; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41342/19]

*93. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which she continues to monitor impediments likely to impact on business nationally with particular reference to the need to ensure the availability of indigenous and foreign investment in a business friendly environment with consequent employment opportunities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41343/19]

*94. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which Ireland continues to remain an attractive country for foreign direct investment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41344/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*95. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be repatriated and brought to the Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda as a matter of urgency in view of the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41239/19]

*96. To ask the Minister for Health the incidental expenses incurred by his Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41250/19]

*97. To ask the Minister for Health if legislation regarding the extension of the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) to residents in the Northern Ireland has been drafted; if cross-Border workers here but working in the North and paying revenue and customs to the UK will retain their card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [41288/19]

*98. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant positions that need to be filled, both temporary and permanent by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41294/19]

*99. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons up to 30 September 2019 waiting for homecare support by county in tabular form; the number of applications for homecare support up to 30 September by CHO areas 6 and 7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [41295/19]

*100. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand the newborn screening programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [41296/19]

*101. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [41312/19]

*102. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [41313/19]

*103. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for surgery for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41315/19]

*104. To ask the Minister for Health if the local HSE environmental health office will contact a person (details supplied) in relation to a matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41316/19]

*105. To ask the Minister for Health when the National Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest Steering Group Report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [41319/19]

*106. To ask the Minister for Health if matters (details supplied) in relation to homecare will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41320/19]

*107. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a primary care ophthalmology appointment by LHO, age and time waiting. — Róisín Shortall. [41321/19]

*108. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a primary care physiotherapy appointment by LHO, age and time waiting. — Róisín Shortall. [41322/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a primary care occupational therapy appointment by LHO, age and time waiting. — Róisín Shortall. [41323/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a primary care speech and language therapy appointment by LHO, age and time waiting. — Róisín Shortall. [41324/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a primary care dietician appointment by LHO, age and time waiting. — Róisín Shortall. [41325/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a primary care audiology appointment by LHO, age and time waiting. — Róisín Shortall. [41326/19]

*113. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 352 of 1 October 2019, when the HSE is expected to conclude its review of the doctor at Portiuncula Hospital; if the doctor is continuing to work at Portiuncula Hospital, or other hospitals while under review; if not, if they have been suspended; if the doctor is still being paid; if all patients of the doctor will be informed once the review is complete; if the Medical Council will be informed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41330/19]

*114. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the waiting time for public cataracts procedures; the way in which he plans to address this waiting time as an over reliance on the treatment purchase fund. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41349/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a cardio-wellbeing and information campaign in view of the prevalence of cardiovascular disease here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41350/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Health if a referral for respite services for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal has been received; if so, when respite will be offered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41354/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Health if his officials have been involved with putting in place a sustainable funding model for section 39 voluntary health organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [39609/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Health when decisions will be made on applications for capital projects in County Kildare under Project Ireland 2040; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [39640/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Health the reason his Department is withholding €25 million of the €55 million allocated to mental health services for 2019. — Joan Collins. [41167/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Health the details of each State infrastructure project that is in development or is due for completion in 2019 in which it is in excess of the budget assigned to the project for its current stage to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [39522/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding provided for children with autism over six years of age to cater for their needs in each of the past five years; the number of children with autism on waiting lists for supports from the HSE; the average waiting time for those on waiting lists; and the longest waiting time for a child with autism over six years of age seeking supports from the HSE by county. — Peadar Tóibín. [41160/19]

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

*122. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the options available to a person (details supplied) in relation to a failed appeal; if there are other routes of appeal they can explore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41203/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an ANC payment will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41207/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the incidental expenses incurred by his Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41240/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a market will be provided for oysters (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [41259/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of fishermen that have signed up to the Clean Ocean Initiative; the amount of waste that has been recovered; the costs to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [41292/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2019 area of natural constraints payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41308/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2019 area of natural constraints payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41309/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the delay in approving applications by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41318/19]

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

*130. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason a river (details supplied) has been closed to rod fishermen for over 10 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [41260/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason a river (details supplied) has been closed to rod fishermen for over ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [41261/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the incidental expenses incurred by his Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41243/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the significant broadband problems in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [41300/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if compensation would be due to the preferred bidder of the National Broadband Plan if preferred bidder status was withdrawn and another bidder was subsequently given preferred bidder status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [41314/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if funding for a project listed on the PCI list of the EU is discretionary; if not, if the State is obliged to provide funding having nominated the project for PCI status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [41327/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to amend regulations in order that all supermarket stores over a certain size must have glass and can bring banks on site. — Róisín Shortall. [41374/19]

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

*137. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he plans to establish a tourism satellite account to enable transparent and accurate recording of tourism data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41280/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to grow the Shannon free zone, based beside Shannon Airport in view of the need to boost jobs and investment in the area to help sustain and grow the Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [41289/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the next round of capital sport grants will be allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41206/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the possibility of increasing air travel services between Cork Airport and Germany will be examined in view of the fact no routes exist (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [41233/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the CIÉ 1951 pension scheme factors will be reinstated as per the commitment given in Dáil Éireann on 6 December 2017 that there would be agreement of the active membership in advance of changes to the discount factors in future (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [41234/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the incidental expenses incurred by his Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41256/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to establish a national tourism and hospitality training authority to ensure co-ordination between the relevant tourism and hospitality bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41277/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress made by the Galway Harbour Company in relation to the 2013 strategic infrastructure development planning application concerning the Galway Harbour extension; when a decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41317/19]

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

*145. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the incidental expenses incurred by her Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41242/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if he plans to cut the funding for a charity (details supplied); the amount of funding the project receives; the reason for the cut; if similar cuts and or restructuring of similar projects is taking place elsewhere; if she will review the decision with a view to continuing funding either through the schools completion programme or directly via Tusla to the charity to ensure that it continues to provide the vital education support in the north Clondalkin area in the future. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41285/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of the 134 inspections of early years services that took place in 2018 over multiple two plus days were due to additional days being required to review the information returned on the corrective and preventive action, as opposed to a service being inspected over two or more days due to the size of the service in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41332/19]

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

*148. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the incidental expenses incurred by his Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41254/19]

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

*149. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the incidental expenses incurred by her Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41247/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if contributions paid by claimants for the State pension (contributory) after their 65th birthday are reckonable in determining the rate of payment; the reason for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [41268/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on an application by a person (details supplied) for an invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [41291/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when an application by a person (details supplied) for a carer's benefit will be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41297/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will consider allowing persons in receipt of a permanent invalidity pension to attend college. — Peadar Tóibín. [41298/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on the review of further medical evidence submitted in support of a invalidity pension application in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41310/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the circumstances that allow a person an exemption of referral to JobPath if mental health grounds are included; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [41345/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 785 of 9 July 2019, the status of an application for a carer's allowance by a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [41346/19]

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

*157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the incidental expenses incurred by his Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41251/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of planning applications granted by local authorities and appealed by objectors which resulted in the application being overturned by the Board that is the number of successful grants there were refused by An Bord Pleannála in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by county in tabular form. — Patrick O'Donovan. [41269/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he plans to carry out a review of the commercial rates system in order to ensure that there is a fair and propositional valuation for all business types; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41278/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will request a national review of all local authority charges in order to attain greater consistency and accountability for rate payers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41279/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if provision will be made for families in terms of the forthcoming affordable housing scheme that are not first-time buyers, but has previously purchased an affordable home under the old scheme but now require assistance to purchase a different affordable home on medical grounds and grounds of increased family size; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41293/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason the erection of 5G technology antennae is allowed to by-pass the planning process at level; the guidelines or regulations in place in relation to the erection of antennae related to 5G technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [41302/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the procedures for when an emergency call is received; the services called to respond to the emergency; if both the fire brigade and the ambulance services are called; if so, the services which are contacted first; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [41303/19]

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

*164. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the incidental expenses incurred by her Department from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41244/19]

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I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 10 DEIREADH FÓMHAIR, 2019
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 2019**

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

1. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a day care centre for Monasterevin, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41174/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Health when the full allocation for mental health spending in 2019 will be drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41185/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Health when additional capacity will be provided in orthopaedics to reduce delays in assessments and procedures for patients in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41188/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the significant fall in the number of overnights with or without day respite accessed by persons with a disability in the Cork South Lee local health office area since 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [41226/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Health when a new endocrinologist for the paediatric diabetes service in Cork University Hospital will be appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [40957/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the implementation of the recommendation by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Eighth Amendment for the availability of free contraception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [41358/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the diabetes service in Sligo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [41165/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to speed up access to assessment of needs for children to bring it in line with the statutory requirements to ensure the waiting list is no longer than three months and is completed in six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41366/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Health if a design team has been appointed for the relocation of the Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital to the St. James's site; if so, the progress made to date including the funding has been allocated in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [41263/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the large increase in the number waiting more than 18 months for an outpatient appointment in the Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore since May 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [41200/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the allocation of funding for additional and urgently needed medical beds at Sligo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [41173/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Health the action that will be taken to reduce the waiting list for homecare in County Clare in which the number waiting has seen a significant rise during 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41197/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to alleviate overcrowding in Sligo University Hospital in which the figures recorded in September 2019 were the worst recorded for September since an organisation (details supplied) commenced keeping records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [41230/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the number of personal assistance hours being provided to persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [41186/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the legislative changes to the fair deal scheme for farmers and small business owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [41369/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Health the strategies in place for developing health services on third level campuses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [41215/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the works at Kanturk Community Hospital; the timeframe for their completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [41231/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Health the expected completion date and projected cost of the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39624/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Health the action that will be taken to reduce the waiting list for homecare in counties Sligo and Leitrim in which the numbers waiting have seen a significant rise during 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [41194/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Health the action that will be taken to reduce the waiting list for homecare in County Kerry in which the numbers waiting have seen a significant rise during 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41223/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Health when the audit on cervical cancer screening will recommence; and the date from which the audit will commence. — Alan Kelly. [41163/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Health the action that will be taken to reduce overcrowding in the emergency department in University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41196/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the significant fall in the number of overnights with or without day respite accessed by persons with a disability in counties Carlow and Kilkenny since 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [41202/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Health the ratio of consultant doctors per capita across the member states of the EU; his plans to improve the ratio of consultants to population here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41177/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Scheduled Care Access Plan 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [41267/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Health if he will restore the disability training allowance for new entrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41178/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the regional variations in the eligibility and allocation of services relating to publicly funded homecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [30437/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken to address issues with staffing levels in mental health services in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [41190/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Health when a budget will be allocated for the redevelopment of Macroom Community Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [41367/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Health the immediate steps he will take to alleviate the record overcrowding in University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [41162/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Health the action that will be taken to reduce the waiting list for homecare in County Meath in which the number waiting has seen a significant rise during 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41211/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Health the new measures being put in place to support persons with dementia and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [41221/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Health when the chair of the National Screening Committee will be appointed; and if he and the new chair will ensure that newborn screening services are expanded to test for a greater range of conditions; and if an expanded programme will be operational in 2020. — Louise O'Reilly. [40980/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the national cardiac review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [41222/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for a new MRI machine for University Hospital Limerick in order to address overcrowding in the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [40959/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to overcrowding at Naas General Hospital; and the supports being provided to help alleviate same. — Martin Heydon. [41370/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to implement the reform of trauma services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [41171/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date on the new buildings and renovation of St. Vincent's Hospital, Mount Mellick; and the timeline for the project. — Brian Stanley. [41169/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Health the date for the commencement of the Medical Cannabis Access Programme; if there are outstanding issues in relation to its commencement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [41158/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the drafting and introduction of legislation on safe access zones. — Joan Collins. [41176/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Health if new funding will be released for the National Maternity Strategy for 2020; and if targeted funding will be allocated to help hire more consultant gynaecologists

in order to reduce gynaecological waiting lists which are at nearly 30,000. — Louise O'Reilly. [40978/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Health when essential positions in therapy services in County Mayo will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [41193/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Health if he will liaise with hospitals to ensure that they do not use debt collection agencies to recover emergency department and hospital charges. — Louise O'Reilly. [40976/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Health the 2019 targets in place for the outpatient waiting list in the Children's Health Ireland hospital group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41209/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the works at St. Joseph's Community Hospital, Millstreet; the timeframe for its completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [41232/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to respond to the long delays for public patients applying for the cross-border directive and the long delays for public patients on the remuneration of payments for their operations from the HSE; the number of persons that were working in the application section and remuneration section in May 2019; the number working in the section now; the number of patients waiting for clearance for their operations in May 2019; the number waiting now; the length of time it took to remunerate the costs to patients in May 2019; and the length of time it is taking now. — Joan Collins. [41161/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he expects the health budget for 2020 in respect of both capital and current expenditure will be adequate to meet requirements in full without reference to supplementary budget later in the year. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41220/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Health the necessary steps that will be taken to increase new born screening from eight conditions to forty as per best international practice; his views on whether the extension in newborn screening will significantly lower the possibility of babies being born with serious and often life-limiting conditions and the subsequent impact on their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [41159/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Health the number of unfilled nursing posts by hospital, including the hospitals currently precluded for any reasons from hiring nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [41266/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Health the authority responsible for investigating and adjudicating on criminal and non-criminal breeches of the abortion legislation. — Peadar Tóibín. [40898/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for homecare package applications in west County Dublin; the number of open homecare package applications being considered in the area; the number of individual homecare packages being provided in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41305/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 66 of 2 July 2019, if the property transfer has been completed; the status of the design brief; if approval has been

sought and granted for the appointment of a new design team for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41183/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Health if aspects of the new national children's hospital have been redesigned; if so, the reason and areas redesigned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [41164/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address the recurrent nature of non-compliance with regulations impacting on the quality and safety of care for residents including cleaning, decontamination, infection control, nursing documentation, access to allied health care, risk management, residents rights and water quality at Merlin Park Hospital units 5 and 6 as identified by HIQA in recent reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41181/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Health if he will carry out a review of car parking costs in health care facilities and primary care facilities nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41175/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Health the status of outstanding issues relating to the availability of tagrisso osimertinib for use in lung cancer treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41348/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Health when he anticipates a full reversal of new entrant pay disparity for consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [41265/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Health the status of work to address the issues in relation to dual diagnosis. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41347/19]

59. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to alleviate overcrowding in Cork University Hospital in which the figures recorded in September 2019 were the worst recorded for September since an organisation (details supplied) commenced keeping records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [41225/19]

60. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on progress on legislation for safety zones around services that provide for the termination of pregnancy and related information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [41356/19]

61. To ask the Minister for Health the initiatives being taken to reduce the number of delayed discharges in University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41224/19]

62. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date on the planned refurbishment and extension of Abbeyleix Hospital; and the timescale for the project. — Brian Stanley. [41168/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he remains assured of the continued uninterrupted supply of all medicines in the aftermath of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41219/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to reduce waiting times for an outpatient appointment in Tallaght hospital in which the numbers waiting over a year have seen a more than

four-fold increase since the end of 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41214/19]

65. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the opening of a HIV clinic in Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [41355/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a design team has still not been appointed in relation to the multi-million Euro development proposed for the Sacred Heart Hospital, County Roscommon; the further reason a timeframe for completion of works cannot be provided in view of the fact that the project was announced in January 2016 and was originally due to be completed in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [41166/19]

67. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the implementation of his plans to provide free contraception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41365/19]

68. To ask the Minister for Health if he will introduce an extra weighting when allocating resources to general practitioners to take into account the additional demand on services in deprived communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [41360/19]

69. To ask the Minister for Health the reason his Department exchanged speaking notes in relation to the CervicalCheck delayed smear test results scandal with the Office of the Taoiseach on 27 March 2019; and if his attention was drawn to the speaking notes or other speaking notes on the crisis before 10 July 2019. — Peadar Tóibín. [41157/19]

70. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the availability of hormone treatment for transgender persons through the health service; his engagement with the transgender community on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [41357/19]

71. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the large increase in the numbers waiting more than 18 months for an outpatient appointment in Sligo University Hospital since May 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [41229/19]

72. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider implementing multi annual budgets to support planned service for section 39 agencies such as an organisation (details supplied) in advance of Budget 2020; his plans for the provision of additional funding to assist such agencies meet their deficits in respect of unmet business cases; his further plans for the provision of additional funding to assist such agencies to meet changing needs and emergency placements; the position regarding new respite services for Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [40862/19]

73. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional homecare and transitional care beds that have been provided for in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [40900/19]

74. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients in hospital nationwide that are waiting for an assessment for a homecare package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [40899/19]

75. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address the multi-year waiting times being experienced by children with special needs in County Wicklow that have been referred

for treatment to a service (details supplied) and other service providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [41264/19]

76. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the lower health outcomes in deprived areas; if extra resources will be given to these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [41361/19]

77. To ask the Minister for Health the number, grade and title of all posts in Galway city and county in which interviews have been held, posts offered and accepted and await sanction by the HSE and his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41180/19]

78. To ask the Minister for Health the emergency measures he is putting in place to address the severe overcrowding in University Hospital Limerick, which saw 1,405 persons on trolleys in the hospital in September 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [40958/19]

79. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to reduce the time persons are spending on ophthalmology waiting lists in counties Cork and Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [41368/19]

80. To ask the Minister for Health if an independent clinical review will be launched into recent reports of apparent failings in the care provided to a number of women at the gynaecology department, Letterkenny University Hospital, County Donegal. — Pearse Doherty. [41170/19]

81. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the long waiting lists for homehelp hours for counties Longford and Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [41372/19]

82. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the necessary staff have not been recruited to ensure that the paediatric outpatient department and urgent care centre at Connolly Hospital can be operational from 8 a.m. until midnight, seven days a week, as was previously committed; and when the full staff complement will be in place. — Louise O'Reilly. [40977/19]

83. To ask the Minister for Health the additional resources provided to the HSE to eliminate delays in the processing of applications and payments under the HSE cross-Border directive scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41179/19]

84. To ask the Minister for Health if the outstanding number of posts awaiting decision by the National Director for Donegal CHO amounting to over 100 posts remaining vacant will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [40875/19]

85. To ask the Minister for Health the status of discussions between the HSE and South Westmeath Hospice regarding the retention of the facility. — Robert Troy. [41371/19]

86. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a recruitment embargo or freeze within the HSE and specifically for the north west CHO1 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [40874/19]

87. To ask the Minister for Health his priorities in the Capital Plan to address the delays in accessing elective surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [41172/19]

88. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 95 of 13 March 2019 the precise location of the helipad of Galway University Hospital; if the helipad has been relocated to the grounds of the hospital from its temporary location in the community park in Shantalla, Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41182/19]

89. To ask the Minister for Health when the changes to the nursing home support scheme for farmers will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41228/19]

90. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which he is incorporating demographic changes into budgetary planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41304/19]

91. To ask the Minister for Health if the establishment of a day hospital in Swords, County Dublin will be considered. — Louise O'Reilly. [40979/19]

92. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to alleviate overcrowding in the South Tipperary General Hospital in which the figures recorded in September 2019 were the worst recorded for September since an organisation (details supplied) commenced keeping records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41227/19]

