



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**  
**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

**Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.**

1. To ask the Minister for Health when a winter plan for hospitals will be brought forward; the reason for the continued overcrowding in emergency departments during 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [41485/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Health when the Winter Plan 2019/2020 will be published. — Louise O'Reilly. [40975/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the decisive shift to primary care pledged in the Programme for Partnership Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41486/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the decision to cut the rehabilitative training allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [41501/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1301 of 6 September 2019, the status of the options appraisal for the model 4 hospital at Merlin Park, Galway; if the options appraisal was submitted to the HSE and his Department by the end of September 2019; when the options appraisal will be published; the cost to date of the options appraisal process; the anticipated overall cost of the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41156/19]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

**Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.**

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

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

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

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

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]



71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

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**CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA**  
**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

\*98. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 117 of 1 October 2019, the reason the terms of paragraph 31(1) of Defence Forces Regulation R5 have not been utilised to promote RDF officers commissioned after 1 October 2005 to the rank of captain or the Naval Service equivalent or above; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41400/19]

\*99. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41562/19]

\*100. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41578/19]

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

\*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41566/19]

\*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41582/19]

*Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.*

\*103. To ask the Minister for Finance the categories of flat rate tax expense for workers which the Revenue Commissioners propose to abolish from the beginning of 2020; the anticipated increase in

tax revenue arising out of the abolition or substantial reduction of flat rate tax expenses for workers; and if he has discussed this matter with the Revenue Commissioners in view of the fact it involves an effective pay cut for the workers concerned and a prioritisation of the measure by the Revenue Commissioners ahead of other reforms of aspects of the tax code which affect higher earners. — Sean Sherlock. [41460/19]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of help-to-buy grant approvals on a monthly basis since the scheme was launched; the number of drawdowns in this regard since the scheme was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41434/19]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans to continue the help-to-buy scheme following its planned finish date at the end of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41435/19]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he had taken to address the spiralling costs of insurance for the leisure industry; the timeline for the measures will take effect and address the issue; and the steps a leisure business should take in the meantime to avoid going out of business. — Róisín Shortall. [41482/19]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has conducted an analysis to determine the full impact of spiralling insurance costs on the leisure industry and on the communities that depend on those industries for employment; and the details of the analysis by county. — Róisín Shortall. [41483/19]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the operation of the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund; the way in which refocus of same in February 2019 on regional development has worked to date in terms of geographical spread; the amount left in the fund; and the length of time it will remain open to applications. — John Deasy. [41489/19]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Finance if residential property tax can be refunded in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41543/19]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Finance the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41565/19]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41581/19]

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

\*112. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position with regard to the Office of Public Works ownership and plans for a site at Shandon, Dungarvan, County Waterford, which had been earmarked for decentralisation a decade ago. — John Deasy. [41488/19]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the funding stream that OPW used in order to get aspects of Dublin post-Brexit ready; the amount of funding available for the works; if public procurement rules were fully complied with in order to appoint a contractor for the works;

the reason that public procurement rules were not followed by the OPW in appointing a contractor for the works at Dublin Port; the amount spent on OPW projects at Dublin Port in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41468/19]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the necessary works will be carried out on a river (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [41500/19]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41570/19]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41586/19]

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

\*117. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the ETBI has installed car parking barriers at the entrance to its car parking facility at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41446/19]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the rental cost remittance for the board of management of a school (details supplied) was not paid in July, August and September 2019; when the remittance will be paid; and if it will be ensured that future remittances from October 2019 will be paid on time. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41397/19]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase ASD units for primary schools in south County Kildare for the school year 2020/2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41427/19]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase ASD units for secondary schools in south County Kildare for the school year 2020/2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41428/19]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will examine a matter regarding a child (details supplied) in south County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41429/19]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details of schools in County Kildare that have a compulsory transition year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41432/19]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding paid leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41436/19]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the numbers of pupils enrolled in each new school in September 2019. — Thomas Byrne. [41440/19]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the anomaly will be addressed within the SUSI assessment for the special rate of top up grant (details supplied); if the rule will be removed in

view of the fact if the income is below the recommended threshold of €24,000 it should not matter whether its source is from social welfare or not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41441/19]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a school (details supplied) has reportedly never been issued with a lease from his Department in the ten years the school has been operational on a campus which in turn has resulted in the interests of the school and its school children having little effective input to advocate about the serious school traffic safety issues arising within the campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41443/19]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the restrictions placed on schools during the economic downturn regarding the employment of substitute teachers in situations in which teachers are on illness leave; the cost of reverting to a position in which all teacher illness leave is covered by substitute teachers; the estimated costs by primary and post-primary schools in the certified, uncertified and family illness categories; and his views on the difficulties for schools and students in cases in which a teacher on illness-related leave may not be substituted. — Sean Sherlock. [41461/19]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of teachers on his Department's payroll at primary and post-primary level whose only qualification allowance payment is the primary degree pass allowance. — Sean Sherlock. [41462/19]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department has advised Waterford and Carlow Institutes of Technology of the way in which the projected combined deficit, debt and payroll costs of the planned technological university of the south east, reportedly estimated at €26 million by 2024/2025 will be addressed. — John Deasy. [41490/19]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the agreed programme of works following all stakeholder talks regarding the completion of a school (details supplied) will be published; and the timeline for completion of same. — Robert Troy. [41499/19]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school building project (details supplied); the reason for the lengthy delay in progress being made from the present stage; when progression is expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [41509/19]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a school building project (details supplied) will move to pre-qualification of tender stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [41510/19]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has set timelines for an architect's for drawings to be delivered for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [41511/19]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will ensure that schools (details supplied) commence monthly progress reports on their school building project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [41512/19]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an appropriate site has been identified for the proposed new building for a college (details supplied); when construction of the new building will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41514/19]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41563/19]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41579/19]

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

\*138. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if An Garda Síochána has ceased sharing information with Tusla due to differences of opinion on the protocols. — Pearse Doherty. [41395/19]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the pension of a person (details supplied) will be examined. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41426/19]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) will be allocated a place at the next citizenship ceremony due to the circumstances. — Robert Troy. [41442/19]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of applications for citizenship lodged with the INIS in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of decisions still pending for each of those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41452/19]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 31 of 3 October 2019, the consultation process; and the location of the open town hall stakeholder event; the membership of the two expert working groups and liaison group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41465/19]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the Garda national protective service and its roll out and operations in Wicklow Garda Division; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [41472/19]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated extent of inbound illegal drug trafficking which has been intercepted by the authorities off the Irish coast over the past five years; and the estimated value of the seizures made as a result of these operations. — John Deasy. [41495/19]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination for residency and naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied) who are awaiting a decision in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41531/19]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which a person (details supplied) can proceed to update their stamp 4 in view of the fact that they were previously informed in a letter from him was required to facilitate this; when the process can proceed having regard to the fact that they have failed repeatedly to obtain a passport from their homeland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41532/19]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which a person (details supplied) can proceed to update their stamp 4 in view of the fact that they were previously informed that a letter from him was required to facilitate this; when the process can proceed having regard to the fact that they have failed repeatedly to obtain a passport from their homeland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41533/19]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed in order to facilitate temporary, long-term, residency and naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41534/19]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a review will be undertaken in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41535/19]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41536/19]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) can obtain temporary or long-term permission to remain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41537/19]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position in regard to the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41538/19]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a review is possible in respect of the deportation order issued in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41539/19]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41540/19]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the necessary required documentation has been received in the relevant section of his Department in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41541/19]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41542/19]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a list of the organisations and or bodies that were in receipt of funding from the 2018 and 2019 Asylum Migration and Integration Fund will be provided; the amount in this funding stream; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41546/19]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41569/19]



\*159. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41585/19]

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

\*160. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the deployment of IDA Ireland staff within County Waterford and the south east region; and the way in which this compares to its staffing complement in 2014. — John Deasy. [41491/19]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA site visits in quarter 1, 2 and 3 of 2019, by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41549/19]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the plans being developed regarding the rules in relation to the right to disconnect from work and to encompass a more flexible working approach and work life balance; and when the study arising from the Remote Working Consultation Forum will be completed and published. — Robert Troy. [41550/19]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by her Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41558/19]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of acts passed since March 2011 that her Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41574/19]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the proposals being considered to strengthen social dialogue. — Robert Troy. [41589/19]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*166. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a cardio cath lab at Sligo University Hospital; the progress of the report into the issue sanctioned by him in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [41385/19]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place for the provision of the development of a new ambulance base in County Sligo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [41387/19]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Health if the result of the review of the slides of 221 women affected by the CervicalCheck issue will change his plans to continue with a policy of contracting out CervicalCheck screening programmes to private companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [41388/19]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 409 of 1 October 2019, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the new public sector pay agreement has escalated the funding issue experienced by the North West Hospice (details supplied); the way in which the hospice can continue to deliver the level of service it does under the current financial

situation; when the issue will be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [41390/19]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 409 of 1 October 2019, if the HSE has established a working group to examine the constitution of a core specialist palliative care service including both pay and non-pay costs with a view to achieving full statutory funding of core services (details supplied); if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the core funding report is completed and was sent to HSE in early 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [41391/19]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on out of country placements (details supplied) for deaf persons in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41394/19]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he plans to implement to address the issues affecting the retention and recruitment of general practitioners particularly in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41399/19]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time persons are waiting for an assessment with the NDT in County Kildare; the reason for delay in assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41430/19]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated to County Kildare for respite for children that require same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41431/19]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Health the number of child psychologists carrying out assessments in the NDT in County Kildare. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41433/19]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the extreme difficulties persons are experiencing accessing urgent mental healthcare services in the Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 area in particular psychotherapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41448/19]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Health the length of the waiting list for audiology services for children under 18 years of age in counties Laois and Offaly by county. — Brian Stanley. [41449/19]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 360 of 17 September 2019, when he will give management approval to hire a speech and language therapist for a school (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are 56 students waiting on speech and language and behavioural therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [41450/19]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational speech and language, physio therapists and child psychologists employed by the HSE in 2017 2018 and to date in 2019 by CHO in tabular form; the vacancies that exist by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41454/19]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Health if a HSE employment transfer will be carried out as a matter of urgency for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [41458/19]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [41459/19]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment. — Sean Sherlock. [41463/19]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) never received the rehabilitative training bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [41464/19]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the FreeStyle Libre device; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41466/19]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital intern posts and the prioritisation of CAO undergraduates (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41476/19]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Health the number of positions in the CHO2 health service in the western region in which applicants have received offers of a post but were subsequently informed by the HSE that the position is on hold due to budgetary restraints and continues to require the approval from the National Director; the quarter in each case during which the offer of a position was initially made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41477/19]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the eligibility limit for those over 70 years of age applying for a medical card from a reduction that was implemented in 2014 and has not being raised to date to €500 for a single person over 70 years of age and €900 for a couple; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41478/19]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the eligibility limit for those over 80 years of age applying for a medical card from a reduction that was implemented in 2014 and has not being raised to date to €500 for a single person over 80 years of age and €900 for a couple; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41479/19]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 319 of 22 January 2019, the conclusions by the HSE into the effect on whether the yearly increase of social welfare payments has adversely affected those over 70 and 80 years of age and their ability to qualify for a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41480/19]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be advised in relation to the provision of medication. — Peter Burke. [41487/19]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the request by a local authority for the provision of health services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41496/19]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he remains satisfied that the proposed health budget for 2020 is fully capable of meeting his requirements throughout the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41517/19]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which he expects hospital waiting lists to improve in the course of the next twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41518/19]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the number of medical card numbers has fluctuated over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41519/19]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which scoliosis patients can expect to receive treatment in the next twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41520/19]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which waiting lists for orthopaedic treatment has improved in the past five years and likely to continue to improve in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41521/19]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which full medical examinations and dental follow-up treatment is effective to the extent necessary for early intervention and treatment of dental matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41522/19]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which primary care centres are relieving the pressure on accident and emergency services nationally; if some are performing to a greater or lesser extent to other; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41523/19]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which modern health centres are available or are proposed to become available in all population centres nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41524/19]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which modern health centres and primary care centres are available throughout County Kildare; the proposed improvement and extension of such centres in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41525/19]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which it is planned to provide maternity cover for speech and language therapists; if his attention has been drawn to fact that the lack of services while therapists are on maternity leave is a major setback for children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41526/19]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Health if, in the course of the next HPV campaign, the most modern and effective vaccines will be used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41527/19]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which school medical examinations continues to take place throughout County Kildare; the extent to which treatment requirements are identified and follow-up arranged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41528/19]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in the case of a person (details supplied); if a precise prognosis and treatment has been determined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41529/19]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be refunded in respect of a cathartic procedure which they underwent at a private hospital can in any way be supplemented by the HSE in view of the fact that they are a medical card holder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41530/19]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Health the number of child psychologists employed by the HSE by county; if such positions are full-time; the number of vacant positions for child psychologists in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41547/19]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Health the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41567/19]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41583/19]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Health when University Hospital Limerick will be provided with a second MRI scanner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [41600/19]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider providing two modular surgical theatres for University Hospital, Ennis to allow it to expand its day care surgery capacity particularly ENT day care surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [41601/19]

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

\*211. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the investigation by his Department into environmental concerns at a farm (details supplied) has been concluded; and if so, the outcome of same. — Pearse Doherty. [41396/19]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the fact that planting trees on bogland dries it out leading to greater carbon emissions from the soil than sequestration by the trees; if this fact was taken on board before his announcement that 600,000 trees will be planted on bogland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [41401/19]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts being made to secure and source existing and new markets for live cattle exports. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41424/19]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of increase in organic production since 2011 and the incentives that are available to encourage same. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41425/19]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41438/19]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41557/19]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41573/19]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of approved applicants to the knowledge transfer group scheme in the beef, sheep, dairy, tillage, equine and poultry sectors in tabular form; the number of approved applicants that subsequently withdrew from the scheme; the targeted number of groups formed; the number of groups finalised to date; the number of payments that have issued to each approved applicant in every sector in each year of the knowledge transfer group scheme in this RDP to date; the number of payments that have not issued to each approved applicant in each sector in each year of scheme; the budget allocation for the KTG scheme under the 2014-2020 RDP; the amount of moneys expended to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41594/19]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the knowledge transfer group scheme will be continued after year three of the current programme concludes; and if his officials examined using unused funds previously allocated to the scheme to finance the continuation of the programme in 2020 and beyond. — Charlie McConalogue. [41595/19]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of sheep farmers that applied to the sheep EID tag subsidy scheme by 30 September deadline by county in tabular form; the process for reviewing applications; and the allocation for the scheme in 2019 and 2020. — Charlie McConalogue. [41596/19]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount in levies paid by farmers to An Bord Bia in each year over the 2016 to 2018 period and to date in 2019 for livestock slaughtered or exported in tabular form; the monetary breakdown in total levies collected annually for this period for cattle, sheep, pigs and other sector individually; and the individual levy per animal in each sector. — Charlie McConalogue. [41597/19]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an overview of the seafood scaling and new market development scheme; the amount of funding that will be allocated to the scheme in 2019 and 2020; and when the applications will open. — Charlie McConalogue. [41598/19]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the first meeting of the Beef Market Taskforce will take place; and the status of the development of a beef market price index model as agreed by stakeholders at talks. — Charlie McConalogue. [41599/19]

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

\*224. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the implementation of SI No. 4 of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [41386/19]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the response to an unidentified white skin fungus present in salmonid stocks in counties Louth and Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41392/19]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the inclusion of the Shannon LNG project on the Projects of Common Interests list compiled in Brussels on 4 October 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [41393/19]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that planting trees on bogland dries it out leading to greater carbon emissions from the soil than sequestration by the trees; if this fact was taken on board before his announcement that 600,000 trees will be planted on bogland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [41402/19]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the roll out of the National Broadband Plan at a location (details supplied); if the broadband will be connected in the context of the number of houses in the area that have already been connected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [41437/19]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when an Eircode application by a person (details supplied) will be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41470/19]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding payment of certain taxes (details supplied) in An Post offices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41474/19]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the north-south interconnector. — Thomas Byrne. [41505/19]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when broadband availability and quality will increase in rural County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [41506/19]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41560/19]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41576/19]

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

\*235. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the arrangements being made between the UK and Irish Governments to facilitate persons that live here and work in in the UK in regard to whether their Irish driver licence will cover them to drive in the UK. — Brian Stanley. [41423/19]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to ensure that dedicated cycle paths and bus drop off zones are mandatory in the vicinity of all schools. — Catherine Martin. [41445/19]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will seek a reversal of the decision by Tourism Ireland and Bord Fáilte to exclude greyhound racing in their campaigns. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [41467/19]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will review the situation pertaining to boat trips to the Fastnet Rock lighthouse via Cape Clear in circumstances in which the fast ferry has been denied a licence which would allow it to travel all the way to the lighthouse (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [41469/19]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 587 and 588 of 17 September 2019, if the exact reason will be itemised for the penalty applied that is for failure to operate due to driver unavailability, bus breakdown or curtailment of late running services; the amount by subcategory involved in each period 2014 to 2019. — Bríd Smith. [41471/19]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the ownership of the M50 toll bridge and contractual relationships with third parties; if his attention has been drawn to the traffic congestion at the toll bridge side of County Dublin that is resulting from traffic avoiding the bridge and the impact this has on local villages; if he has conducted studies on this impact; if he has considered removing the toll or if measures will be introduced in relation to tolling has been considered into studies in relation to traffic management around Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41481/19]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the discussions he has had with or the submissions received from the Port of Waterford Company over the past 12 to 18 months with a view to accessing funding to advance future development plans at Belview. — John Deasy. [41492/19]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to proposals received from a club (details supplied) for funding under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund to redevelop facilities at a location; the engagement his Department has had with officials in his Department heading up the ERDF in this regard; and when a decision is expected. — John Deasy. [41493/19]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of emergency medical missions not related to incidents at sea that have been carried out by each Irish Coast Guard helicopter unit in the past three years. — John Deasy. [41494/19]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the Commission for Aviation Regulation will make a decision on the issue of passenger fees at Dublin Airport; his input into the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O’Brien. [41503/19]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41572/19]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41588/19]



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

\*247. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by her Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41559/19]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of acts passed since March 2011 that her Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41575/19]

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

\*249. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41571/19]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41587/19]

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

\*251. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 519 of 24 September 2019 and 616 of 1 October 2019, if the winter fuel payment will continue to be paid to persons living here in the case of a deal being reached between Britain and the EU27 and in a no-deal Brexit scenario. — John Brady. [41375/19]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41439/19]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the review for domiciliary care for a person (details supplied) will be decided; the timeframe for deciding such reviews; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41453/19]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of medical officers dedicated to assessing medical evidence in 2017, 2018 and 2019 by scheme in tabular form; the vacancies that exist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41455/19]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the rate of refusal for first-time domiciliary care applicants in 2018 and to date in 2019; the level of refusals following applications for reviews in 2018 and to date in 2019; if appealed, the number of appeals upheld for the period; if there have been recent changes in approach; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41456/19]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the criteria for the back to education allowance; her views on whether it is beneficial for all parties to extend the allowance

for students completing post-graduate courses that will be advantageous for securing full-time work in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [41473/19]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if payment of child benefit which ceased in 2015 will be reinstated and backdated for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [41497/19]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a working family payment application by persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [41498/19]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a payment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [41502/19]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans for the Tús Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [41507/19]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of community employment participants that have been referred to Tús in County Kildare in each of the years 2017 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [41508/19]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applications for carer’s benefit and allowance awaiting medical assessment; if there is adequate number of medical assessors to carry out the assessments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [41515/19]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the length of time it takes for a medical assessor to access a carer’s allowance application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [41516/19]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address a matter in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41544/19]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a fuel allowance application by a person (details supplied) was not successful; if other options are available to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41545/19]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by her Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41564/19]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of acts passed since March 2011 that her Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41580/19]

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

\*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there is a grant available for a family to reconfigure and adapt their home to accommodate an elderly parent that is not a home owner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41422/19]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if Kildare County Council has been given a new financial allocation for Rebuilding Ireland home loans; if so, the amount that has been paid to date; and when the remaining allocation will be paid. — Catherine Martin. [41447/19]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which councils re-coup the cost of borrowing for housing developments in cases in which the council has purchased land which is then developed for affordable purchase and social housing, in situations in which the council has raised the loan and must pay the loan back and in which the income from the development goes to the national central fund whose remit it is to use this rolling fund to purchase more land for development; if it is nett of the council borrowings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41457/19]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding allocated and drawn down by Wicklow County Council for Traveller accommodation in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — John Brady. [41475/19]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of measures he has taken to introduce a BER style water conservation rating for buildings in line with the recommendations by the Oireachtas Committee on the Funding of Domestic Water Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41551/19]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measures he has taken to review the research budget of the EPA on water management and conservation in line with the recommendations by the Oireachtas Committee on the Funding of Domestic Water Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41552/19]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measures he has taken to fund promote water conservation systems in line with the recommendations by the Oireachtas Committee on the Future Funding of Domestic Water Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41553/19]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of the €70 million rolling Housing Agency fund by county; the number of units delivered per annum since its inception to date by county; the average cost for each unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41554/19]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the new guidelines being issued in regard to local housing assessment needs in each local authority as outlined under the new National Planning Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41555/19]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the headquarters, number of staff, estimated full staff complement of the Office of the Planning Regulator; when

it will be fully operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41556/19]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41568/19]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41584/19]

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

\*280. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of progress of the Grand Canal Greenway project between Sallins and Hazelhatch (details supplied); the timeline for completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41504/19]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the steps she will take to ensure that a person (details supplied) is paid the appropriate compensation for cessation of turf cutting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41513/19]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by her Department since March 2011, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41561/19]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of acts passed since March 2011 that her Department is responsible for; the date each act was signed into law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41577/19]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if there are plans to designate An Sruthán Pier, Carraroe, County Galway as a cultural heritage asset; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [41592/19]

