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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with church leaders on 4 July 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [37446/19]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the plenary organised with religious leaders in July 2019; and the issues that were discussed. — Michael Moynihan. [37641/19]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with church leaders on 4 July 2019. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38539/19]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with religious leaders on 4 July 2019 and the matters that were discussed. — Ruth Coppinger. [38542/19]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [37284/19]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Brendan Howlin. [38481/19]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41382/19]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Joan Burton. [41984/19]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Environment last met. — Eamon Ryan. [38503/19]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Environment will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [38543/19]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the next meeting of the Cabinet committee on the Environment is due to meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39636/19]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the next meeting of the Cabinet committee on the Environment is due to meet. — Joan Burton. [39683/19]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on the Environment last met. — Brendan Howlin. [41978/19]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee C (European Union including Brexit) last met; and when the Cabinet committee on Brexit, Foreign and European Affairs is scheduled to meet. — Joan Burton. [37565/19]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee C (European Union including Brexit) last met; and when the Cabinet committee on Brexit, Foreign and European Affairs is next scheduled to meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41383/19]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee C (European Union including Brexit) last met. — Brendan Howlin. [41979/19]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee G (Justice and Equality) last met; and when the Cabinet committee on Security is scheduled to meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38482/19]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the next meeting of the Cabinet committee on Security is due to meet. — Joan Burton. [39684/19]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on National Security last met. — Michael Moynihan. [39947/19]

20. To ask the Taoiseach the status of bills under preparation in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38484/19]

21. To ask the Taoiseach the status of bills under preparation in his Department. — Joan Burton. [42282/19]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he has met with the UUP or Alliance leaders recently. — Michael Moynihan. [39949/19]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he has met or spoken with the Leader of the DUP or the Leader of Sinn Féin in Northern Ireland recently. — Michael Moynihan. [42305/19]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on progress towards a citizens' assembly on a directly elected mayor for Dublin. — Brendan Howlin. [38490/19]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on progress towards a citizen's assembly on a directly elected mayor for Dublin. — Joan Burton. [41985/19]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on progress towards a citizen's assembly on gender equality. — Joan Burton. [42283/19]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to the UN; if he held bilaterals and the issues discussed. — Micheál Martin. [39631/19]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the UN General Assembly and UN Climate Action Summit. — Brendan Howlin. [39284/19]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements regarding the candidature of Ireland for the UN Security Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [39603/19]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent United Nations climate action summit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [39604/19]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to the United States of America for the recent UN meeting. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39637/19]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the meetings he held with business leaders while in the United States of America; and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [39894/19]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent United Nations climate action summit. — Joan Burton. [41986/19]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to Los Angeles and his efforts to boost the film industry here. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42162/19]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mr. Donald Tusk when in New York; the issues that were discussed; and his plans to meet again before 17 October 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [39627/19]

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meetings with EU leaders and others when he attended the UN meeting in New York; and if the backstop was discussed. — Micheál Martin. [39633/19]

37. To ask the Taoiseach the EU leaders he met or spoke with at the UN meeting and since Brexit. — Michael Moynihan. [39948/19]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent contacts with the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission. — Joan Burton. [39454/19]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the President of the European Council, Mr. Donald Tusk. — Mary Lou McDonald. [39605/19]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to EU leaders since 18 September 2019 regarding Brexit or other issues. — Micheál Martin. [39632/19]

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with Mr. Donald Tusk recently. — Michael Moynihan. [41939/19]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with President Macron recently. — Michael Moynihan. [41943/19]

43. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken directly with the German Chancellor recently. — Micheál Martin. [41957/19]

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Swedish Prime Minister. — Brendan Howlin. [41981/19]

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Danish Prime Minister. — Brendan Howlin. [41982/19]

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with President of the European Council. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42160/19]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the European Council. — Brendan Howlin. [41980/19]

48. To ask the Taoiseach the conversations he has had with the UK Prime Minister since 8 October 2019; and if he subsequently met him the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [41956/19]

49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his telephone conversation with the UK Prime Minister. — Brendan Howlin. [41977/19]

50. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with UK Prime Minister in the week of 7 October 2019. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42161/19]

51. To ask the Taoiseach if the proposed veto was discussed when he met with the UK Prime Minister in Liverpool; and the rationale for same. — Micheál Martin. [42309/19]

52. To ask the Taoiseach if a timeline on the backstop was discussed when he met UK Prime Minister; and the response that he gave. — Micheál Martin. [42310/19]

53. To ask the Taoiseach the agenda for the EU Council on 17 October 2019 and if he plans to contribute on the discussion in relation to the multi annual framework and EU reform items. — Micheál Martin. [41958/19]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

54. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount in Euro if all applications submitted to the beef emergency aid measure scheme were approved; the Euro value for all approved applicants to date; the number of payments that have issued under the 2019 beef environmental efficiency pilot scheme; the total value of all approved applications; the status of the first meeting of the Beef Market Taskforce and agreed timelines for actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [42247/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the implementation of the Irish Beef Sector Agreement of 15 September 2019. — Brian Stanley. [41607/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contingencies being operationalised and supports that will be in place to safeguard farmers and the agricultural sector from a no-deal hard Brexit; the details of the €110 million for agriculture announced in Budget 2020 for a no-deal scenario; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [42248/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a fully independent investigation will be commissioned into the beef processing industry to ensure companies are operating to the satisfaction of his Department in a transparent manner in relation to pricing, employment law, tax

compliance, particularly VAT and to ensure meat plants are not abusing their near dominant monopoly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [41384/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

58. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to implement the agriculture motion adopted by Dáil Éireann on 26 September 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [41796/19]

59. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 47 of 2 October 2019, the way in which he can address the welfare issues for horses operating horse drawn carriages and the way in which as Minister with responsibility for animal welfare he can address the issue of horsedrawn carriages from the welfare perspective as highlighted by many groups that care for horses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [41886/19]

60. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of discussions with the beef industry regarding the creation of a base price for beef; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41990/19]

61. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans he has to put forward at the EU Agriculture Council in relation to the need to protect the CAP Budget post 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41952/19]

62. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he has identified the degree to which a specific area of forestry can offset carbon emissions by way of sequestration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28581/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the recent ICES mackerel advice which shows a further increase on its revised ICES scientific advice given in May 2019 for the mackerel TAC for 2020; if assurance will be given to the marine sector that this new advice of 922,064 tonnes will be fully incorporated in the overall TAC quotas for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41761/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to establish a beef market index; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [41603/19]

65. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the actions taken by Iceland in significantly increasing its mackerel share for 2019; the actions he and the EU Commission propose to take against Iceland for fishing in this unsustainable manner; if the revised ICES advice for mackerel stocks will form the basis for setting an increased TAC for Ireland in the 2020 fisheries quota talks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41760/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the knowledge transfer scheme will be extended for a further year and opened for applications in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41971/19]

67. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he or his officials have received briefings in relation to the ongoing protest by beef farmers; and his views on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [37414/19]

68. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans he is putting in place to distribute the €22 million underspend in the BEAM scheme in view of the fact that the initial plan fell short of what it was meant to achieve. — Jackie Cahill. [41700/19]

69. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to increase funding for suckler cow farmers, the existing BDGP and BEEP schemes and the ANC. — Thomas Byrne. [41976/19]

70. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the key elements of the Climate Action Plan 2019 which will put Ireland on a course for carbon neutrality without compromising capacity for food production. — Pat Deering. [28561/19]

71. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he can ensure that a key objective of the Irish Greyhound Board's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 which is to maintain animal welfare at the centre of the industry will be met; the way in which the Greyhound Care Fund is addressing the welfare and health issues of greyhounds. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41885/19]

72. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his position on what the upper limit for basic payments should be under the Common Agricultural Policy. — Brian Stanley. [41602/19]

73. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the reintroduction of a rural environmental protection scheme will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [41380/19]

74. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to reopen the GLAS scheme for new applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [41963/19]

75. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the concerns of the beef industry here will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41378/19]

76. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contingencies being operationalised and supports that will be in place to safeguard farmers and the agri-food sector for all scenarios including a no-deal hard Brexit including measures in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41969/19]

77. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his priorities from the establishment of the beef market taskforce; the timeline for progress of meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [41987/19]

78. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he requested compensation at European level to assist farmers that have incurred beef price losses since May 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [41964/19]

79. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the deaths and injuries of greyhounds at tracks here from 1 January 2019 to date. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41934/19]

80. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has formally submitted an application to the EU Commission for market disturbance funding for beef farmers under Article 219 of the CAP in view of the fact that prices have fallen further since May 2019. — Charlie McConalogue. [41973/19]

81. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the first meeting of the beef market taskforce will take place; the timeline for implementation of all the actions agreed by farming organisations and the meat industry at talks that concluded on 15 September 2019; if he formally submitted an application to the EU Commission for market disturbance funding for beef farmers under Article 219 of the CAP in view of the fact that prices have fallen further since May 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41970/19]

82. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans in relation to the re-opening of an organic horticulture scheme. — Brian Stanley. [41605/19]

83. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated amount if all applications submitted to the beef emergency aid measure scheme were approved; the value of approved applications to date; the number of payments that have issued under the and total value of all approved applications under the beef environmental efficiency pilot; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41972/19]

84. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to increase TAMS funding. — Thomas Byrne. [41975/19]

85. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of Brexit preparedness in the agri-food sector; if dedicated help line and email address of his Department are receiving many queries weekly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41377/19]

86. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to increase and diversify forest cover here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42001/19]

87. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the future Border checks on the island of Ireland post-Brexit relating specifically to the movement of food and animals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [41604/19]

88. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the incentives and schemes in place to encourage young persons to take up farming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [41381/19]

89. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to improve oversight and transparency in the beef processing sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [41115/19]

90. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the outcome of discussions at recent EU Agriculture Councils in relation to CAP funding post-2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41953/19]

91. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has communicated with the Minister for Rural and Community Development regarding the low allocation of TAMS II funding under the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020; if so, his plans to reallocate this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [30466/19]

92. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to establish veal units at two locations nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41701/19]

93. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine 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]

94. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider amending the mandate of Coillte to encourage it to provide a wide range of forestry services; and if he will direct Coillte to commence the planting of new forests. — Eamon Ryan. [41988/19]

95. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts being made to ensure the funds committed to the beef emergency aid measure are used in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [41954/19]

96. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1418 of 6 September 2019, if his attention has been drawn to the claim that a greyhound suffered a heart attack at Shelbourne Park is at variance with an eye-witness (details supplied). — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41935/19]

97. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds buried on the grounds of Shelbourne Park Stadium; if this practice was approved by the Irish Greyhound Board; if dogs continue to be buried there; and the procedure for incidents involving dogs that die at Shelbourne Park and other IGB tracks. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41936/19]

98. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he expects to have the names of the members of the beef market taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [41955/19]

99. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the changes being made to the greyhound sector in view of a meeting by his officials with the CEO of an organisation (details supplied) on 21 June 2019 to discuss an investigation in to the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41376/19]

100. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the beef crisis; his plans to assist farmers on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41983/19]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*101. To ask the Taoiseach if the European Union (Withdrawal) (No.2) Act 2019 was discussed when he spoke and met with Prime Minister Johnson recently. — Micheál Martin. [41960/19]

*102. To ask the Taoiseach the number, date of publication and details of post enactment reports published by his Department since March 2011, in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [41590/19]

*103. To ask the Taoiseach the number of acts passed since March 2011 that his Department is responsible for; and the date each act was signed into law. — Shane Cassells. [41591/19]

*104. To ask the Taoiseach the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period. — Catherine Murphy. [41825/19]

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

*105. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41653/19]

*106. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41815/19]

*107. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if funding will be made available for the replacement of Cessna FR 172H aircraft in the Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [41832/19]

*108. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the work ongoing to identify suitable locations for car parking spaces on the Curragh; his plans to address antisocial behaviour on the land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [41862/19]

*109. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if Civil Defence uniforms were collected by his Department in 2017; the locations in which they were collected; and the locations they were stored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [42019/19]

*110. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the full list of capital projects valued at over €2 million in the Defence Forces that are ongoing at present; and when each capital project will be completed. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42336/19]

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

*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will consider reintroducing high-level meetings between officials to address outstanding issues relating to the Dublin Monaghan Bombings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [41890/19]

*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason a child (details supplied) has not had their application processed; the reason the child’s father has been asked to supply additional documentation that is readily available to the authorities; and if the request for a passport requires additional documentation. — Bríd Smith. [42190/19]

*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on a planned Turkish invasion of northern Syria; his views on whether such an invasion by the Turkish military

poses a threat to the Kurdish community and minority ethnic and religious groups in the region; his further views on whether such an invasion will also hamper the fight against Da'esh/ISIS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [41742/19]

*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the ongoing protests in Hong Kong and the escalating tensions and violence; if he has discussed the situation with his Chinese counterpart; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [41743/19]

*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the questioning of the designate EU High Representative and Vice-President for foreign affairs and security policy Mr. Josep Borrell by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament; his views on his comments on the need to reinforce the military capacity of the EU and his desire to conduct overseas military missions by majority and to redirect the €10.5 billion European Peace Facility to pay for EU battlegroups to go into action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [41744/19]

*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Saudi-led coalition has illegally stopped all commercial ships including those carrying food and fuel from entering the Yemeni port of Alhodeidah (details supplied); and if he will raise this urgent issue with his Saudi counterpart. — Seán Crowe. [41745/19]

*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on whether lack of compliance by Ireland with the European Convention on Human Rights and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities due to the fact that a number of sections of the Mental Health Act 2001 do not meet the standards of either convention is damaging the international reputation of Ireland; his further views on whether this lack of compliance hinders Ireland's ability to speak on authority in relation to respect for human rights and the European Convention on Human Rights; his further views on whether it is damaging to the campaign for election to the UN Security Council in 2020; and the steps he is taking to ensure Ireland is in compliance with international obligations. — Seán Crowe. [41746/19]

*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the US administration's decision to withdraw troops from Northern Syria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41749/19]

*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the Nation State Law that is being implemented in Israel has been discussed at the EU Foreign Affairs Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41750/19]

*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of efforts to restart the Executive in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41751/19]

*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41819/19]

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the efforts being made to highlight at EU level the imprisonment of former Bangladeshi Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and the need for international assistance to return democracy to Bangladesh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [42044/19]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to reports that authorities in Lebanon are forcefully returning Syrians to Syria; the steps that have been taken at EU level regarding the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [42149/19]

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the safeguards that have been put in place by the EU to assist persons forced to flee Syria to neighbouring countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [42150/19]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the position of Ireland on the ongoing political crisis and human rights violations in Bahrain; if he will consider introducing a joint statement at the Human Rights Council in Geneva condemning the ongoing abuse of human rights in Bahrain and demanding the release of political prisoners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [42166/19]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the military action by Turkey in the Kurdish controlled part of Syria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [42285/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*127. To ask the Minister for Finance the buildings owned by NAMA in Newbridge, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41863/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 108 of 17 September 2019, the number of properties that have been converted from purpose-built student accommodation to private rented accommodation following the end of the ten year stipulation under section 50 of the Finance Act 1999; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [42202/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress made to date in controlling spiralling insurance costs; the average increase in insurance costs in each of the years 2010 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the proposed further steps to be taken in 2020 to deal with this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42214/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Finance the impact assessments his Department has carried out in relation to increased carbon taxes; and his views on the various NGO reports that estimate that those least well off in society are the most impacted by carbon taxes such as the one introduced in Budget 2020. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [42290/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether it is necessary to introduce legislation to ensure that going forward revenues raised from carbon duty measures to combat climate change will be ringfenced for just transition and climate mitigation as he indicated. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [42292/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an outline of the OECD corporate tax proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42349/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Finance if exemptions can be made in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41613/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of revenue raised from taxation on rental income in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Pat Buckley. [41670/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons reported and or paid taxation on rental income in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Pat Buckley. [41671/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that declared overall losses on a rental property in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Pat Buckley. [41672/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to assist persons that are endeavouring to ensure their properties against loss and damage in view of the fact that there are a number of houses of long standing in Limerick city and its environs in areas that have now been designated as a flood plain as a result of which the owners cannot obtain house insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [41741/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses impacted by increased employer and public liability insurance; the estimated proportion that could be forced out of business as a result of increased insurance costs over the next couple of years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [41782/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41818/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount it would cost to scrap the 50 cent stamp duty per cheque or bills of exchange; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [41835/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a person (details supplied) did not qualify for the USC charge reduction in 2019. — Robert Troy. [41839/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Finance the breakdown of the €30 million measures to support enterprise, SMEs and the agri-sector in the tax policy changes Budget 2020 document; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [41997/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the diesel rebate scheme; the annual cost of the scheme; the way in which it compares to the previous rebate scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [41998/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Finance if he and his officials read the analysis piece by a person (details supplied) on the Fiscal Treaty and the 2012 referendum in particular; his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [42006/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Finance if the increase in the carbon tax immediately applies to white diesel, green diesel and kerosene; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [42021/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Finance if an exemption exists within the tax system in relation to the increase in the carbon tax for an agricultural contractor who is carrying out agricultural work for a farmer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [42022/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Finance the effective rate of corporation tax that has been charged to companies here in the past year; the effective rate of corporation tax that has been charged to indigenous businesses in the past year; and the effective rate of corporation tax that has been charged to foreign direct investment companies in the past year. — Peadar Tóibín. [42026/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost in 2020, 2021 and 2022 of extending the SARP scheme in its present form up to 31 December 2022. — Pearse Doherty. [42031/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that have availed of the SARP scheme in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and the number projected to avail of the scheme in 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Pearse Doherty. [42032/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Finance the taxes that are levied on aviation fuel; and the estimated revenue that would be raised by the State if VAT and excise duties were applied to aviation fuel. — Peadar Tóibín. [42048/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding CP 116; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [42075/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to review the bike to work scheme in order to allow for the purchase of e-bikes and cargo-bikes that are substantially more expensive to purchase but would open up the option of cycling to more persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42098/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress he is making with the NTMA to establish a funding vehicle capable of facilitating off-balance sheet investment in delivering social and private housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42103/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Finance if the city living initiative will be extended beyond current designated areas; and the costs associated with this scheme by year since it was introduced in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [42126/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Finance if he or his officials have been in discussion with the EU in relation to the cost of airline fuel; if it will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [42254/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Finance the fiscal impact in monetary terms, of the new corporate tax proposals put forward by the OECD; if this is not possible at this stage when he expects to have

such an analysis completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42341/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Finance the process and timelines now that the OECD has put forward proposals on corporate tax reform; if this will involve all countries signing up to the proposals; the result if all countries do not sign up to the proposals; the result if only a majority of countries sign up; if countries that do not sign up can ignore the proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42342/19]

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

*158. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if consideration has been given to increasing the parental leave age for civil and public servants up to 15 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [41698/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the forensic science laboratory in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [41758/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if advice (details supplied) will be made public that was given to the Department of Children and Youth Affairs regarding plans for an alternative application system for the national childcare scheme that would not necessitate a public services card and a MyGov identification; the reason officials in his Department were opposed to this alternative application method; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41616/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress made in relation to the flood risk management for County Louth and east County Meath under CFRAM; the stage of each project; the expected dates of commencement and completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41691/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status regarding extra costs submitted by a contractor associated with the Kevin Street Garda divisional headquarters to the Office of Public Works; if he will provide the sum associated with the additional costs; if the OPW are disputing the bill in its entirety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41720/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the applications received for funding from Louth County Council or other public bodies including Fáilte Ireland in relation maintenance or other development works to St Laurence's Gate Drogheda, the Old Abbey Drogheda, Drogheda town walls and so on; his plans to enable the OPW develop heritage or cultural sites and centres in Drogheda town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41765/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to extend the duration for which a civil servant may take a career break for in order to gain private sector and or other public service experience and or avail of full-time study; the number of civil servants on career break in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41808/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of additional public servants employed in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41809/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41823/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of vacant desk spaces in each State owned civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [41836/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of buildings owned by the OPW and not in use in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41856/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there are buildings owned by the OPW that could be used by an association (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41857/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the attention of the OPW has been drawn to flood issues on the Toni River at Celbridge, County Kildare; the plans by the Office of Public Works to conduct a study on part of the river or carry out works in the context of nearby land and property developments impacting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41866/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when he will publish the OECD report which undertook a policy scan of equality budgeting here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [41962/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the €130 million allocation of additional resources in the health capital allocation for 2020; the amount of this that is being used for the national children's hospital; the amount coming from the €200 million reserve set aside for the national children's hospital and National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42000/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a schedule of works for each Garda station in the context of planned retrofitting and or renovation works in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [42007/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of the supplementary estimates required for 2019 by Department, vote and expenditure programme in which the additional expenditure is required; if the details of these additional estimates is outlined in the Budget documentation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [42052/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of flood alleviation schemes in Ballina and Foxford, County Mayo in view of Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [42191/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 145 of 17 September 2019, if the contract has been awarded; if so, when will the contractors will be on site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [42262/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if required works will be carried out on a stream beside the residence of a person (details supplied). — Tom Neville. [42289/19]

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

*178. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address cyberbullying in schools; if new measures will be brought forward in the context of the Education (Student and Parent Charter) Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [41629/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address the use of internet enabled devices in schools; if new measures will be brought forward in the context of the Education (Student and Parent Charter) Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [41630/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the establishment of a new department of higher education and research; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [41631/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the mechanism by which a Cork Institute of Technology will not take on the debts of IT Tralee in the event that they merge to form a new university; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [41632/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the actions which will be taken to ensure that the junior certificate results are released in line with previous years from 2020 onwards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [41633/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there will be no replacement of exchequer funding with funding from the National Training Fund in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [41634/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of primary teachers, secondary teachers, special needs assistants and other staff required to maintain current pupil teacher and or staff ratios in the 2019/2020 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [41635/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by an organisation (details supplied) for building works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41652/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when works will commence on a new school building for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [41654/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the need to review the rejection of a child's application (details supplied) for SNA support will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41696/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a language unit will be provided in mid County Tipperary to complement the units at Clonmel and Nenagh both of which have long waiting lists in order that the children of the area have an opportunity to access this important service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41704/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 247 and 251 of 19 February 2019, the status of progress on the delivery of a new campus for a school (details supplied); when building will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [41747/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an appeal by Bus Éireann (details supplied); if the response from the transport provider will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41762/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a school (details supplied) will have a permanent building; the arrangements that have been made to ensure that the school can continue in its current temporary facility until the new permanent school is ready to occupy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [41787/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason SUSI when establishing the shortest most direct route under Article 27 (3)(a) of the student grant scheme 2019 as it applies to adjacent, non-adjacent qualification rate is using an application (details supplied) for the quickest route based on live traffic at 1am in view of the fact this time does not reflect when a student may be travelling to or from college; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [41794/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of third-level student grants that have moved in 2019/2020 academic year from non-adjacent to adjacent rate as a consequence of SUSI using an application (details supplied) to calculate the quickest route as opposed to the shortest route based on live traffic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [41795/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for a new school building; the progress made on the project over the past six months; the timeline for the complete delivery of this school project in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41802/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) will be added to the Major Capital Schools Programme 2016 to 2021; if his attention has been drawn to the scale of works required at the school through rapid expansion of its school enrolment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41803/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41816/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if home tuition will be approved for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal from September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41840/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41848/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the assistance in place to aid parents trying to secure places in schools for the 2020/2021 school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41850/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to resolve the shortage of primary school places in Kinsealy, Malahide and Portmarnock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41871/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he is taking to resolve the shortage of primary school places in Swords; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41872/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he is taking to resolve the shortage of primary school places in Donabate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41873/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he is taking to resolve the shortage of primary school places in Balbriggan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41874/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he is taking to resolve the shortage of primary school places in Rush; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41875/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he is taking to resolve the shortage of primary school places in Skerries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41876/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he is taking to resolve the shortage of primary school places in Lusk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41877/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he is taking to resolve the shortage of secondary school places in Kinsealy, Malahide and Portmarnock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41878/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he is taking to resolve the shortage of secondary school places in Swords; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41879/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he is taking to resolve the shortage of secondary school places in Balbriggan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41880/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he is taking to resolve the shortage of secondary school places in Donabate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41881/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he is taking to resolve the shortage of secondary school places in Rush; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41882/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he is taking to resolve the shortage of secondary school places in Lusk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41883/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he is taking to resolve the shortage of secondary school places in Skerries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41884/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a new school building project (details supplied) which is due to commence in 2019; if this school is being prioritised due to the continued deterioration of the prefabs which make up the school structure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [41891/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school (details supplied) which has been waiting for a new school build since 2006; if the school will be prioritised based on the increasing enrolment rate by 73% since 2006; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [41892/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a permanent site will be purchased for a college (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [41895/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding for a school (details supplied) will be prioritised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [41914/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will respond to the campaign of an organisation (details supplied) for investment in primary education, which is calling for a reduction in class sizes to bring it in line with the European average of 20:1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41929/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason an application by a person (details supplied) for additional accommodation was not allocated in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41994/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the 1000 special needs assistant positions announced in Budget 2020 are additional to the 900 announced in 2019; the number of the 900 that have been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42050/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school place for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42076/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an extension for a school (details supplied) in County Kildare. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42077/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for the proposed extension of a school (details supplied); the status of the project; the timeline for completion of the works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42078/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there is a scheme under the remit of his Department in which schools catering for students with special needs can receive funding for playground furniture and equipment including from dormant accounts money and National Lottery money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42094/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to reduce class sizes in view of the fact that primary school classes here are the largest in the eurozone, five above the EU average of 20; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42106/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in relation to a proposed amalgamation of schools (details supplied) in County Cork; the status of the provision of a new school building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42120/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an SNA will be made available for a pupil with severe intellectual disabilities in circumstances in which they have been accepted to a national school in their home town but the allocation of SNA's in the school has not increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [42127/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a child (details supplied) in County Cork will have a cognitive assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42130/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason his Department does not audit schools directly; the person or body that checks the accountants being paid by the schools; if major discrepancies in accounts which are continually ignored by schools are examined by his Department; the further reason schools cannot submit directly to the financial support services unit; if extra funding is being provided for schools to carry out accountancy work as required under circular 60/2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [42171/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of assessments completed under the scheme for the commissioning of psychological assessments for the 2018/2019 academic year for which the certification of completion of assessment forms have been submitted by school principals between 4 September 2018 and 30 September 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [42192/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason there has been a delay in tendering for the building contract for the permanent school building for a school (details supplied) in view of the fact it received planning permission in the middle of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [42195/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the tendering process for a school (details supplied) will take place; when the tender will be awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [42196/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures that will be put in place for a school (details supplied) while it is awaiting the building of its permanent school, in view of the delay in commencing the tendering process for the new school building and the fact that it is under pressure to leave its temporary accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [42197/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a community drugs rehabilitation and educational service (details supplied) is the subject of a funding for mainstream project review; if he will ensure that this service continues to receive funding in the interim; the length of time it will take to complete the review; his views on ensuring that this vital service continues into 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [42206/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a reply will issue from the school transport section of his Department to a letter sent to the section on 1 August 2019 and which was followed by a reminder on 3 September 2019 (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42216/19]

*236. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cén uair a dhéanfar cinneadh ar achomharc a rinneadh chuig an rannóg iompair ina roinn maidir le híocaíocht iompair scoile (sonraí tugtha); cén chúis atá leis an moill ar chinneadh a dhéanamh sa chás seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42228/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount of funding historically provided to an organisation (details supplied) through the skillnets 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. [42236/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 174 of 17 September 2019, if tenders have now been invited for the project; the closing date for receipt of tenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [42258/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 173 of 17 September 2019, if there has been further progress in resolving the technical considerations; if a design team will be put in place for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [42259/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 170 of 17 September 2019, if approval has now issued for the invitation of tenders for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [42260/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 84 of 26 September 2019, if the letter of acceptance has issued to the preferred contractor; when the contractor will go on site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [42265/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 169 of 17 September, 2019; if authorisation has issued to invite tenders for the project; if so, when tenders will be invited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [42266/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the schools in west Dublin constituency that have applied for funding for school building projects and are awaiting a decision. — Ruth Coppinger. [42286/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the schools in the west Dublin constituency that have been approved for funding for school building projects and have yet to draw down all funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [42287/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the reduced capital budget for 2020 and the impact this will have on planned school building and renovation works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [42288/19]

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

*246. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons living in direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42079/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason 1 November 2019 was chosen as the date of eligibility for the new parental leave scheme as detailed in the Parental Leave and Benefits Bill 2019; if an earlier or retrospective date was considered during drafting to allow all parents with a child in its first year to avail of the scheme; and when it will be available subject to the passing of the legislation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41626/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons employed in direct provision centres by the companies operating same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41655/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if members of the drugs squad are no longer operating out of the Garda Station in Clondalkin, Dublin 22; when the last remaining members of the drug squad were removed from that station; the number of drugs squad personnel and the rank of each stationed in the station in each of the years 2007 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and the impact the loss of the unit from the station will have on efforts to address the issue of drug crime in that divisional area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41657/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of marked and unmarked Garda cars and motorcycles attached to Meath Garda roads policing unit as of 27 September 2019. — Peadar Tóibín. [41694/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the review of the Garda Reserve will be completed; if the findings of the review will be published; and the status of the promised recruitment campaign which had a stated objective of an increase of 1,500 reserve members. — Martin Kenny. [41705/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the recent changes at the Reception and Integration Agency which has been carried out as part of his Department's reorganisation; if he will provide an updated public representative enquiry phone number and e-mail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41708/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps being taken to ensure that applicants seeking to renew their visas through the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service are not exploited by having to pay fees to internet sites to secure appointments; if his attention has been drawn to the problems with the INIS online system caused by the block booking of slots by hackers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Deasy. [41736/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will consider a lifting of the limitation period relating to all thalidomide claims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41738/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons that claimed asylum at Dublin Airport and were denied accommodation in 2018 and to date in 2019, by month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [41739/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí that entered as recruits from 1 January 2014 that have since resigned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41759/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in east County Galway; the stations these gardaí are located; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41772/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda juvenile liaison officers in east County Galway; the location of such positions and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41773/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of detector dogs used by gardaí in east County Galway; if more such dogs are being sought for the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41774/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an application or request for assistance for funding of the faulty CCTV system in an area (details supplied) has been received from Louth County Council in 2019; if the works will be financially supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [41775/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of juvenile liaison officer posts that are unfilled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [41779/19]

*262. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of juvenile liaison officer posts in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [41780/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41822/19]

*264. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41847/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank attached to each Garda divisional drugs unit as of 31 December 2018 and 7 October 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [41868/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the special scheme for students which was launched by INIS in October 2018; the number of persons granted residence through the scheme; if processing has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [41889/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the Garda Commissioner and or his officers consulted with officials in his Department in the context of recent Garda divisional reforms in

advance of the restructuring in the context of the analysis of existing population and population growth in respective geographical areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41918/19]

*268. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of injuries to members of An Garda Síochána were recorded in the Waterford division in 2016 to 2018 by assault, needle-stick injury and psychological shock or trauma. — John Deasy. [41919/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if legislation to deal with hate crime will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [41921/19]

*270. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the responsibility of serving sworn members of An Garda Síochána in providing information to regulatory bodies in relation to a person that is subject to the rules of the statutory body and that may be under investigation by An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41945/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the regulatory bodies in which there is a legal obligation on serving sworn members of An Garda Síochána to provide information in relation to a person that is subject to the rules of the statutory body and that may be under investigation by An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41946/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if Garda human resources keep records of difficulties relating to medical certification in respect of serving sworn members of An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41947/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of civilian and Garda staff members since 1973 that have been arrested; the charges on which they have been arrested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41948/19]

*274. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of serving sworn members of An Garda Síochána that have been reduced to zero level of pay whilst under investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41949/19]

*275. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of civilian and Garda staff members that have been reduced to zero level of pay whilst under investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41950/19]

*276. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of serving sworn members of An Garda Síochána, having been convicted in the Courts, that have been reduced to zero level of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41951/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the citizenship status of a person (details supplied); and if the citizenship section has received their applications in view of the fact they have not received an acknowledgement and have not responded to subsequent requests from them for an acknowledgement. — Brendan Ryan. [41965/19]

*278. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the citizenship status of a person (details supplied) that is waiting over a year for a response. — Brendan Ryan. [41966/19]

*279. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application for family reunification by a person (details supplied). — Brendan Ryan. [41967/19]

*280. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí assigned to each divisional drug unit in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019. — John Curran. [42013/19]

*281. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount paid to private contractors to source emergency accommodation for asylum seekers since September 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [42047/19]

*282. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount paid to each direct provision operator in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42080/19]

*283. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of claims brought to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal to date in 2019; the number of claims settled in 2019; the cost of the settlements to date in 2019; the number of cases on hand; the number of these that are older than five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42108/19]

*284. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason documents confiscated from a person (details supplied) have not been either returned to the person or released to a member of An Garda Síochána. — Bríd Smith. [42116/19]

*285. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure including documents required for the issuance of a visa to the Iranian spouse of an Irish citizen. — Bríd Smith. [42118/19]

*286. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the post of State pathologist to be filled on a permanent full-time basis in view of the fact two recent post holders have retired over the past few months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [42123/19]

*287. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to update the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Acts 1994 to 2003; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [42135/19]

*288. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank in the domestic abuse intervention unit in the north Dublin Garda division as of 2 October 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [42136/19]

*289. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the budget allocation for the Garda Technical Bureau in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [42137/19]

*290. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda community support vans attached to each Garda district in Dublin as of 2 October 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [42138/19]

*291. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of additional marked and unmarked cars that were allocated to Garda roads policing unit to date in 2019; and the number of vehicles withdrawn from the RPU to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [42139/19]

*292. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the background to a company (details supplied); the status of the assets and accounts of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [42148/19]

*293. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of refugees to date accommodated here under the resettlement and relocation strands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [42151/19]

*294. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if funding was allocated to the Director of the Decision Support Service working towards being operational and ready for the commencement of the main provisions of the 2015 Act in 2020 in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [42170/19]

*295. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons that have been found to have illegally entered here or that have claimed asylum here having arrived through a certain port (details supplied) in 2018 and to date in 2019; the details of the outcome of the cases concerned; the details of the nationalities concerned; the position in relation to the immigration controls at the port; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42234/19]

*296. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for refugee status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42327/19]

*297. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide a full detailed report on Garda operation pier and Garda operation twintrack; and if these operations are still active. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42337/19]

*298. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if funding has been secured to enable the roll out of the decision support service provided for in the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act, 2015. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42338/19]

*299. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the 2018 Visiting Committee Reports for Limerick prison and a centre (details supplied) are available to the public; and if not, when the publication will take place. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42339/19]

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

*300. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will confirm the Oireachtas public representative enquiry phone number and e-mail for the Workplace Relations Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41709/19]

*301. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when the new Book of Quantum to be available; when it will directly influence the cost of claims; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [41783/19]

*302. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if state aid approval has been sought in relation to the €1.2 billion Brexit fund announced in Budget 2020; if state aid approval has been given; if state aid rules will be relaxed in the event of a no-deal Brexit; if state aid approval will be fast-tracked in the event of a no-deal Brexit; the length of time it is anticipated to take for state aid approval to be given; if consultation has taken place with the European Commission with regard to state aid rules and the Brexit funding set aside for a no-deal Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42051/19]

*303. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on a social partnership proposal by an organisation (details supplied); and her further views on the joint proposal by employee and employer representatives for a scheme for preservation of viable employment in the context of a disorderly Brexit. — Robert Troy. [41628/19]

*304. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on a proposal by an organisation (details supplied) to mitigate for a hard Brexit. — Robert Troy. [41663/19]

*305. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on a proposal by an organisation (details supplied) to mitigate for a hard Brexit. — Robert Troy. [41664/19]

*306. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on a proposal by an organisation (details supplied) to mitigate for a hard Brexit. — Robert Troy. [41665/19]

*307. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on a proposal by an organisation (details supplied) to mitigate for a hard Brexit. — Robert Troy. [41666/19]

*308. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on a proposal by an organisation (details supplied) to for mitigate a hard Brexit. — Robert Troy. [41667/19]

*309. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on a proposal by an organisation (details supplied) to mitigate for a hard Brexit. — Robert Troy. [41668/19]

*310. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on a proposal by an organisation (details supplied) to introduce a compatible limited amount of aid scheme for investment or working capital for exposed businesses to mitigate for a hard Brexit; and if costings have been carried out in this regard of such a scheme. — Robert Troy. [41669/19]

*311. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the estimated full year cost in 2020 of recruiting three extra digital investigation specialists at HEO level for the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission. — Peadar Tóibín. [41693/19]

*312. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn to an issue regarding a Stamp 4 application by a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [41726/19]

*313. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation his plans to expand the LEO's in the Border region with a possibility of a hard Brexit; if a LEO for Drogheda and east County Meath to assist the largest town here deal with the effects of a possible Brexit scenario will be funded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41776/19]

*314. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of full-time and part-time civil servants her Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time and part-time civil servants her Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41811/19]

*315. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the person or bodies that are active Enterprise Ireland clients employed in County Roscommon; and the person or bodies that are non-active EI clients in County Roscommon. — Peter Burke. [42056/19]

*316. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the State financial and technical supports available to start-up co-operatives and existing co-operatives. — Brian Stanley. [42230/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*317. To ask the Minister for Health if an acknowledgement will be provided of the wrongdoing by the State in the non-withdrawal and recall of thalidomide; if a full apology will be given for all wrongdoing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41737/19]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health if a fair and equitable compensation package will be considered for all thalidomide survivors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41768/19]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €50 million re-profiling of capital expenditure in the health capital expenditure allocation for 2020; the purpose of the re-profiling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [41999/19]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health if producers and retailers are required to indicate the country of origin and the country of packaging on products in supermarkets and shops; and if his Department checks such regulations are being observed. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42340/19]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health if a position (details supplied) has now been filled; if so, if the new appointee has taken up their position; if not, the date from which they will be taking up the position; and the name of the new medical officer for the Kilmallock Hospital area. — Tom Neville. [41608/19]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding to be made available to County Louth in view of recent announcements of a €2 billion investment over the next three years as phase one of the ten year plan of investment in healthcare infrastructure and equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [41610/19]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the stages of development for projects (details supplied) in County Louth under the HSE ten year capital programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [41611/19]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the position relating to the appointment of a sarcoma specialist (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41612/19]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health the number of registered beds including high observation beds available for CAMHS inpatient treatment in CHO areas 8 and 9; the location of the beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [41617/19]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Louth awaiting CAMHS outpatient, inpatient appointments; the number of persons waiting 3 to 6, 6 to 12, 12 to 18 and 18 to 24 months, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [41618/19]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of successful applicants recruited to each CHO area as a direct result of the HSE recruitment campaigns for consultant child and adolescent

psychiatrists; the length of time the campaigns have been ongoing by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [41619/19]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS inpatient beds have been filled each month to date in 2019; and the number of inpatient beds that remained unfilled for the same period by each CHO area in tabular form. — Gerry Adams. [41620/19]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions in place for community care homes in County Kilkenny facing a deficit in 2019. — Kathleen Funchion. [41641/19]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health if community care homes are part of Sláinte care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [41642/19]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to set up a national fund to help community care homes with the cost of improvements and upgrades as a result of HIQA visits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [41643/19]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision of a full-time sarcoma specialist in St. Vincent's University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41656/19]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card reviews that have been carried out to date in 2019; the number that have been refused to date; and the number that have been successful to date. — Louise O'Reilly. [41673/19]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health his plans or the plans of the HSE to restore allowances to a society (details supplied) that were cut during the austerity years; and his further plans to add coeliac disease to the long-term illness scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [41674/19]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on waiting lists for a first outpatient appointment across all specialities by hospital and length of time waiting in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [41675/19]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health the one to five year alternative care pathway for children with co-morbidities that require and cannot access timely scoliosis care in an acute hospital setting here in view of the ongoing crisis in recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals. — Louise O'Reilly. [41676/19]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to allow for the outsourcing of scoliosis surgeries via the NTPF in view of the ongoing crisis in recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals and the excessive wait times for scoliosis surgery experienced by children. — Louise O'Reilly. [41677/19]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health when the recommendations made by the Ombudsman for Children will be implemented in relation to the establishment of child specific wait lists and target outpatient waits for children. — Louise O'Reilly. [41678/19]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health his views on reports that some HSE hospitals report all adults on scoliosis waiting lists to the NTPF; and if he will supply a list of all such hospitals. — Louise O'Reilly. [41679/19]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children waiting for scoliosis surgery; the number of scoliosis surgeries that have been completed in University Hospital Galway to date in 2019. — Louise O'Reilly. [41680/19]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the number of spinal monitoring surgeries that have been cancelled and rescheduled in Children's Health Ireland hospitals during 2018 and to date in 2019 due to a lack of access to a spinal monitoring team; and his views on the current spinal monitoring arrangement in Children's Health Ireland hospitals in view of Brexit and the fact the spinal monitoring team is based in Belfast and is only on contract to the HSE. — Louise O'Reilly. [41681/19]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting on scoliosis surgery at the Mater Hospital; and the length of time they have been waiting. — Louise O'Reilly. [41682/19]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on suspended waiting lists for scoliosis surgery in Children's Health Ireland hospitals; and the length of time they have been suspended. — Louise O'Reilly. [41683/19]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that have been completely removed from scoliosis surgery waiting lists in Children's Health Ireland hospitals since Jan 2017 without having a completed surgery. — Louise O'Reilly. [41684/19]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health if matters raised by a person (details supplied) in regard to general practitioner services in Dunleer, County Louth will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41689/19]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of day services for (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41690/19]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 307 of 13 November 2018, when a person (details supplied) in County Leitrim whose social work qualifications were registered by the National Social Work Qualifications Board in 2004 will have a decision on their applications for registration with CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [41692/19]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated to the national maternity strategy since its launch by year, action and activity. — Alan Kelly. [41697/19]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health if he or the HSE's attention has been drawn to the reason an organisation (details supplied) decided against rolling out a clinical trial of Suvodirsen, an investigational therapy for boys with Duchenne muscular dystrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41699/19]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the HSE's Valproate Response Project report; if this report has been submitted to his Department; if so, if he will now publish the report in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41710/19]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health when an audiologist will be appointed to a clinic (details supplied); the length of time the clinic has been operating without an audiologist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [41716/19]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to a query (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [41722/19]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 635 of 6 November 2018, the status of the operational position regarding the drug addiction centre (details supplied); the final cost of the project to date; the number of staff that are employed and working on site; the number of vacancies that remain unfilled; the reason for the delay in operational commencement and other details relating to the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41729/19]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health if a private consultation room will be provided at south Tipperary General Hospital accident and emergency department for patients that present with mental health problems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41732/19]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the creation of a neuro-nurse at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41748/19]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the availability of child dental services in Ardee and mid County Louth due to reports of children having to travel to Nobber for services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41754/19]

*357. 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. — Denis Naughten. [41756/19]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a surgical procedure; if the procedure will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [41757/19]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the availability of palliative care for children here by LHO in tabular form; the recommended locations for palliative care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41763/19]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health if proper provisions of healthcare entitlements to address specific and unique health issues of thalidomide survivors will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41766/19]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the number of urologist consultants in each of the RCSI hospitals in 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of consultant urology hours provided in each hospital under current contracts; the number of urology surgeries that were cancelled in each RCSI hospital in 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41767/19]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health when a working group will be established to address the long waiting times for diagnosis and treatment of endometriosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [41769/19]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the lack of adequate care for patients with endometriosis here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [41770/19]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed 100 bed unit at the St. Marys Hospital site, Dublin Road, Drogheda, County Louth; the most recent specification brief on the project; if specific commencement dates have been agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41777/19]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health the fee for certificate for first aid training that registered institutions have to pay the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council; if the fee has increased; if so, the amount; when the charge will occur; if the fee changed in the past three months; and the fee prior to the change. — Tom Neville. [41784/19]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health if a patient representative is informed of meetings due to take place between patients and HSE staff and or management in cases in which a patient has requested the presence of same; the person or body with responsibility to inform the patient representative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41789/19]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health the role of a patient representative in meetings between patients and the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41790/19]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health the reason parents are encountering delays in obtaining birth and death certificates for babies born at Portiuncula Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41791/19]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health if all staff charged with operating ultra sounds have had their qualifications verified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41792/19]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the recommendations listed in the external independent clinical review of the maternity services at Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe that have been fulfilled; the recommendations still outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41793/19]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an urgent appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41807/19]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41820/19]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health his views on correspondence (details supplied) that has issued to parents in relation to cover for a therapist; if the HSE response issued to this Deputy is to indicate that if resources are not sufficient to provide cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [41831/19]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be allocated to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41844/19]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make arrangements to include rheumatoid arthritis on the long-term illness scheme; his views that the ongoing medication needed to treat this condition provides a substantial expense for those that suffer from same. — Robert Troy. [41849/19]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined has been waiting 18 months for access to speech and language through the south Kildare network disability team. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41851/19]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the number of child psychologists working in the Kildare town primary care centre; his plans to increase the number of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41852/19]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) that needs access to a child psychologist will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41853/19]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure to ensure that each person has access to a general practitioner if they do not have a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41854/19]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health if there are buildings owned by the HSE that could be used by an association (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41855/19]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting to see a community occupational therapist in County Kildare; the number waiting 1, 6, 12 and longer than 18 months, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41858/19]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting to see a community physiotherapist in County Kildare; the number waiting 1, 6, 12 and longer than 18 months, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41859/19]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting to see a psychologist in County Kildare; the number waiting 1, 6, 12 and longer than 18 months, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41860/19]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting to see a speech and language therapist in County Kildare; the number waiting 1, 6, 12 and longer than 18 months, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41861/19]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health the number of confirmed instances of cancer regarding breast implants (details supplied); the number of persons contacted and advised on this matter to date by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41865/19]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health if the maintenance at a centre (details supplied) will be referred to the HSE; the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41867/19]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that will benefit from the changes to the income thresholds for the over 70 years of age medical card; the cost in 2020 of this measure; and the four-year cost of same. — Stephen Donnelly. [41897/19]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health the cost in 2020 of the GMS prescription charges for over 70 years of age being reduced by 50 cents to €1; and the full cost of same. — Stephen Donnelly. [41898/19]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health the cost in 2020 of the GMS prescription charges being reduced by 50 cents to €1.50 per item for persons under 70 years of age; and the four-year cost of same. — Stephen Donnelly. [41899/19]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health the cost in 2020 of expanding free general practitioner care to children aged 6 to 8 years; and the full year cost of same. — Stephen Donnelly. [41900/19]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health the cost in 2020 of providing free dental care for children under 6 years of age including preventative oral health and promotion packages; and the full year cost of same. — Stephen Donnelly. [41902/19]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health the cost in 2020 of reducing the monthly threshold for the drug payment scheme by €10 to €114; and the full year cost of same. — Stephen Donnelly. [41903/19]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the 1,000 therapists, nurses and other professionals for community health services whose recruitment was announced in Budget 2020; the number to be recruited in 2010; and when the positions will be operational in 2020. — Stephen Donnelly. [41904/19]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding to be provided for the nursing home support scheme in 2020; the full year cost of same; and the number of additional places to be provided by this funding. — Stephen Donnelly. [41905/19]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the €97 million for older people services in 2020; and the full year cost of such initiatives. — Stephen Donnelly. [41906/19]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that the €25 million unspent from budget 2018 is used to develop new services for mental health in 2019. — Pat Buckley. [41907/19]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a rationale for the failure to spend €25 million allocated for mental health in 2019. — Pat Buckley. [41908/19]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide assurances that the funding announced for mental health in Budget 2020 does not include the overrun of funding already announced in Budget 2019 or subsequent budgets. — Pat Buckley. [41909/19]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all new funding provided for mental health in Budget 2020 excluding money which had been announced in Budget 2019 which will not be spent by the end of 2019. — Pat Buckley. [41910/19]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health if any of the €39 million of additional funding for mental health in 2020 includes funding which had been previously announced 19 2019 but had gone unspent. — Pat Buckley. [41911/19]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to ensure that funding allocated to mental health will be spent on mental health services within the timeframe provided for by the budget in which it was allotted. — Pat Buckley. [41912/19]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Wexford awaiting ophthalmic services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41916/19]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Wexford awaiting cataract operations in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41917/19]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that required in-hospital treatment for diabetes related foot complications and lower limb loss in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form by CHO and by hospital within each CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [41922/19]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health the funding that will be provided in 2020 to build capacity and respond to the evolving needs of respite service users and their families overnight, in-home or day or sessional; and the full year cost of same. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [41923/19]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health the number of therapists that will be recruited in total in relation to the announcement in Budget 2020 of extra community health staff to be provided; and the total number that will be in place in 2020. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [41924/19]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health the additional residential and other services to persons with a disability in response to their priority needs are to be provided in 2020 in relation to the announcement on emergency protocols in Budget 2020; the cost of this in 2020; and the full year cost of same. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [41925/19]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health the funding that is to be provided in 2020 for an autism plan to improve services for persons with autism and their families. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [41926/19]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health further to the announcements in Budget 2020 the number of dementia advisers to be recruited in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [41927/19]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health the grounds and protocols on which home support hours are allocated. — John Lahart. [41930/19]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the roll out of full access to free contraception as recommended by the Oireachtas Committee on the Eighth Amendment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41938/19]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot change their general practitioner on their medical card; and when they will be able to change general practitioner. — Robert Troy. [41968/19]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health when free of charge medical cards will be made available to all terminally ill patients following Budget 2019. — Alan Kelly. [41996/19]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons reimbursed under the cross-Border scheme in 2019; the timeframe for turning around applications; the waiting time for persons to be reimbursed; the number of persons awaiting reimbursement having received their treatment; and the number of applications for authorisation outstanding. — Thomas Byrne. [42010/19]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health the provision of home help hours for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [42014/19]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health when the legislation regarding the fair deal scheme which has been approved at Cabinet level will progress further; the timeframe for the next steps in the legislative process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [42017/19]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health if a nursing home bed will be allocated to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [42027/19]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €102 million allocation to the building, equipping and furnishing of health facilities; the amount of same going to the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42028/19]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €10 million allocation to the information services and related services for health agencies; the amount of same going to the national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42029/19]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the capital appropriations-in-aid for health in 2019 and 2020; the reason it has dropped by €10 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42030/19]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health the combined total funding from both his Department and the HSE to each local and regional drug task force in each of the years 2014 to 2019, in tabular form. — John Curran. [42035/19]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health when he received a copy of a report by a person (details supplied) into inequity in the funding of acute hospitals here. — Alan Kelly. [42036/19]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE received a copy of a report (details supplied) by a person into inequity in the funding of acute hospitals here. — Alan Kelly. [42037/19]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request an investigation into the way in which the Medical Council dealt with the case of a person (details supplied) as highlighted by RTÉ recently. — Alan Kelly. [42039/19]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019 by the Health Service Executive to support implementation of the National Drugs Strategy in tabular form. — John Curran. [42041/19]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time for which a person remains on a methadone programme; the average cost per annum in maintaining a person on a programme; the number of locations from which methadone programmes are operated; the number of persons provided for on average at these locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42042/19]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health the year in which the persons currently on methadone treatment entered the treatment programme in the past twenty years in tabular form. — John Curran. [42043/19]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of staff at Beaumont hospital. — Alan Kelly. [42045/19]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of staff at University Hospital Limerick. — Alan Kelly. [42046/19]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding FreeStyle Libre. — Tom Neville. [42049/19]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health if the delays being experienced in the delivery of homecare packages in the CHO7 areas in counties Kildare and Wicklow will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42081/19]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not received the pension increments for 2019 as promised in line with the national wage agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [42083/19]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health the provision that will be made for home support services for the elderly in 2020 recognising the significant difficulty many persons experienced in securing home support services in 2019 arising from a very significant increase in health funding as announced in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42102/19]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding from the health budget announced in Budget 2020 that will go towards local and regional drug task forces in 2020; the increases in funding planned for the task forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42109/19]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the uptake of the flu vaccine for the winter 2019 season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42112/19]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to ensure that patients here have the same access to new medicines as patients throughout Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42113/19]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health his views that there is a need to have the FreeStyle Libre device to assist persons with diabetes available on the long-term illness card (details supplied); when this will be available on the long-term illness card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [42114/19]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 438 of 8 October 2019 (details supplied) to the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, if same will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42115/19]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health if a suitable residential care unit place is put in place for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [42119/19]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to improve support and promote birthing centres and home births, particularly as an option for mothers in rural Ireland; if he has reviewed evidence on the benefits of birthing centres in terms of safety, less infection and so on; the outcome of this review; and the funding currently set aside to promote and cater for birthing centres and home births. — Sean Sherlock. [42121/19]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding podiatry services provided by the HSE in County Carlow; the status of the service going forward; the number of persons on the waiting list for the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [42134/19]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a person (details supplied) must wait for an appointment with a person in the regional hospital, Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [42140/19]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise on a payment to a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [42142/19]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health when the one million extra homecare hours announced in Budget 2020 will commence; his views on the fact that the waiting list is causing undue hardship for the elderly and frail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [42145/19]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health the plans and measure in place for increases in podiatry services in County Sligo; if the lack of services and facilities in Sligo town will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [42152/19]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for a podiatry appointment in County Sligo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [42155/19]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of podiatry services in County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [42165/19]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to vaping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [42168/19]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) concerning children that were harmed by HSE orthodontic services in the Dublin mid-Leinster region over a period of time; if he will request the HSE to immediately publish the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [42173/19]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide for incremental increases in the drugs budget for new drugs in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42174/19]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of savings delivered over the entire course of the Framework Agreement with Industry; the projected savings for 2020; if these projected savings will be reinvested into the drugs budget for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42175/19]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health if the savings from the best value biologic process will be reinvested into the drugs budget for 2020; and, if so, the amount of savings that will be reinvested into the drugs budget for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42176/19]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; the length of time this person is waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42177/19]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health if an assessment of needs has been carried out in respect of a child (details supplied); if he is entitled to services and therapies by the early intervention team; the primary care services in place for the child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [42180/19]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the recruitment for the post of a clinical nurse specialist for neurology in University Hospital Limerick has stalled; if this issue will be rectified immediately recognising the importance of the position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [42181/19]

*456. To ask the Minister for Health if funding is in place and if the recruitment process has commenced for the position of a clinical nurse specialist in neurology in University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [42224/19]

*457. To ask the Minister for Health if a dental clinic (details supplied) in Celbridge, County Kildare is part of the HSE capital plan; and the timeline for the reopening of the clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [42225/19]

*458. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 351 of 17 September 2019, the steps the HSE has taken to ensure that tender documents are being prepared to enable the new endoscopy unit and other services at Naas General Hospital, Naas, County Kildare, to proceed to tender in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [42264/19]

*459. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [42267/19]

*460. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding dental care for under sixes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [42270/19]

*461. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide access to the HPV vaccine for all teenage boys in secondary schools; if a programme will be introduced to provide the vaccine to boys that missed out in their first year of school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [42271/19]

*462. To ask the Minister for Health the specific planned use of a building (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [42325/19]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health if an examination has been carried out to review the medical card guidelines for persons with spinal injuries that want to work but see the potential loss of the medical card as a significant disincentive to taking up employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42328/19]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to support services for stroke survivors in the community in CHO9 in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42334/19]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for scans at Beaumont Hospital, Dublin 9 in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42335/19]

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

*466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the length of time it takes to complete a remote sensing eligibility inspection with respect to the basic payment areas of natural constraint schemes; the length of time following finalisation payments due will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [41627/19]

*467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applicants awaiting areas of natural constraint scheme payments. — Brian Stanley. [41658/19]

*468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications selected for the remote sensing inspections or satellite inspections; and the length of time the process will take. — Brian Stanley. [41659/19]

*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to review the status of Bord na gCon as a commercially semi-state body; the original rationale for awarding the body this status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41718/19]

*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding single consent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41719/19]

*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter in the case of a person (details supplied) regarding a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41721/19]

*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if grant-aid will be made available under TAMS for farmers that construct underpasses for health and safety reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41740/19]

*473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of payments for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41781/19]

*474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41810/19]

*475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding provided to each State agency under the remit of his Department in 2018 and 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [41870/19]

*476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if she will establish a dedicated sectoral regulator to enforce the EU Directive on Unfair Trading Practices in the agricultural and food supply chain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [41049/19]

*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if she will request the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission under section 10(4) of the Competition and Consumer Protection Act 2014 to carry out a market study and analysis in the beef market and

make recommendations as appropriate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [41050/19]

*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains assured that adequate opportunities for expansion remain available to the agri-food sector with particular reference to new or alternative markets in the aftermath of Brexit; if he remains satisfied that measures taken to protect the industry are sufficient to meet the challenges ahead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42011/19]

*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he expects traceability measures to continue to be enforced in respect of agri-food imports into this jurisdiction; if sufficient inspections continue to be carried out, with a view to ensuring absolute clarity in respect of quality, country of origin, husbandry and processing practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42012/19]

*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider using the €22 million underspend from the BEAM scheme to compensate beef and suckler farmers for losses post 12 May 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [42015/19]

*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the four month notice to change weight requirements for the in-spec bonus applies to Kepak in view of the decision to publish its weight penalties for the various cattle categories (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [42020/19]

*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that applied for the BEAM scheme; the number deemed ineligible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [42128/19]

*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of dairy farmers that have slaughtered cattle between May and September 2019 that were outside the eligibility criteria for the BEAM scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [42129/19]

*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of ANC and SFPs that are held up due to satellite inspections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [42131/19]

*485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the regulations in cases in which a small number of turkeys are kept for domestic personal use in terms of killing birds for domestic use on such farms. — Patrick O'Donovan. [42147/19]

*486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding a late applicant (details supplied) to the BEAM scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [42182/19]

*487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if 75 positions is still the most up-to-date figure for the total number that have been identified to be filled in a hard Brexit scenario by his Department following correspondence (details supplied) on 16 August 2018 from his office. — Charlie McConalogue. [42183/19]

*488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of veterinary and plant portal positions that have been identified to be filled in a hard Brexit scenario by his

Department; and the number of new veterinary and plant portal positions recruited to date for this scenario. — Charlie McConalogue. [42184/19]

*489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the monetary amount that will be made up of each of the financial instruments, equity, loans and grant aid in tabular form following the announcement in Budget 2020 of a first tranche of No Deal Brexit supports totalling €110 million; the monetary amount that will be made up of these financial instruments for each of the sectors identified, beef sector, fishing fleet and food companies wishing to re-orient production and marketing towards non UK markets, and support to other sectors to improve competitiveness; and the total euro amount of the €110 million fund that will be ringfenced to farmers and fishermen respectively. — Charlie McConalogue. [42185/19]

*490. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of further targeted farm supports worth €40 million following the announcement in Budget 2020 for each respective scheme that will be allocated this funding in 2020. — Charlie McConalogue. [42186/19]

*491. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the individual allocation to each respective scheme under the €235 million announced for agri-environmental schemes in Budget 2020. — Charlie McConalogue. [42187/19]

*492. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the individual allocation to each respective pilot scheme that will be operationalised in 2020 following the €3 million to fund additional pilot projects aimed specifically at climate measures in agriculture which was announced in Budget 2020. — Charlie McConalogue. [42188/19]

*493. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total funding to the organic farm scheme in 2020. — Charlie McConalogue. [42189/19]

*494. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will receive a decision on an application for an aquaculture licence; the date the application was received; the reason for the delay with the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42217/19]

*495. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which adequate protective measures are available to assist families dependent on the fishing industry, with particular reference to the situation post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42237/19]

*496. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which fish processing here can rely on fish supplies post-Brexit; the steps to address such issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42238/19]

*497. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of the checking of food and food products entering here from third countries directly or via other EU countries post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42239/19]

*498. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which existing markets remain available to Irish food and food products after Brexit; if adequate new markets have been identified for exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42240/19]

*499. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which alternative markets for beef, lamb, pig and poultry meat continue to be available or alternative if necessary in the aftermath of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42242/19]

*500. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which measures are in place to meet climate change requirements without damaging the economy in general and the food industry in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42243/19]

*501. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he has identified extra costs likely to affect the food industry in the aftermath of Brexit; the degree to which alleviation measures are in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42244/19]

*502. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which financial supports and or incentives are in place to address the negative impact of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42245/19]

*503. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent he expects the food sector to rely on high quality products in order to retain competitiveness on various world markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42246/19]

*504. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of live lambs imported on a weekly basis since 1 January 2019 from Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [42329/19]

*505. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of live lambs imported in 2018 from Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales; if all were destined for direct slaughter in Irish meat processing plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [42330/19]

*506. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the controls that are put in place to ensure that such imported live lambs from Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales are correctly labelled according to EU country of origin regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [42331/19]

*507. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if live lambs imported direct for slaughter are not eligible for the origin green status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [42332/19]

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

*508. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if data collected by SEAI on BER forms in relation to water usage will not be passed on to other authorities such as Irish Water and that such data shall be protected in line with GDPR; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41614/19]

*509. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the policy on PV solar panels covering agricultural land; the details of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41695/19]

*510. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the budget spent on cleaning up illegal dumping by each local authority area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [41717/19]

*511. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has considered the option of introducing a smart metering or green tax credit for farmers using solar panels that generate surplus energy that cannot be sold back to the grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [42016/19]

*512. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of a new phone and broadband connection for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41609/19]

*513. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress of an announced plan to introduce a nationwide ban on single use plastics; if a policy has been developed; if so, when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41636/19]

*514. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the specific measures contained within a plan to introduce a nationwide ban on single use plastics which are additional to measures contained within the 2018/0172 (COD); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41637/19]

*515. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of premises within the dark blue area of the National Broadband Plan for which commercial operators have indicated their intention to provide a service in tabular form; the number of premises indicated by each commercial operator; the percentage of the intervention area covered in a recent consultation on the mapping process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41638/19]

*516. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of a consultation process of the map of the National Broadband Plan undertaken with commercial operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41639/19]

*517. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the mechanism by which a commercial operator can inform National Broadband Ireland of a planned commercial operator within the intervention area; if National Broadband Ireland will be allowed to roll out fibre in which a commercial roll out is already underway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41640/19]

*518. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 277 of 3 October 2019, if the one completed third party project application to the Midland Fisheries Fund referred to is that of instream fisheries enhancement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [41685/19]

*519. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 277 of 3 October 2019, if one completed third party project application

to the Midland Fishery Fund is the sum total of stakeholders applications to the Midlands fund for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [41686/19]

*520. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 279 of 3 October 2019, if he will consider allocating funds to the 2020 Inland Fisheries Ireland budget to allow IFI to reinstate its invaluable design and supervision service for IFI and OPW capital in stream fishery enhancement programme to recommence in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [41687/19]

*521. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of instream fishery enhancement plans which have been provided by the external panel of consultants which Inland Fisheries Ireland has assembled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [41688/19]

*522. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the meetings both planned and unplanned which he attended on a trip to New York in September 2019. — Timmy Dooley. [41725/19]

*523. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the regulations governing the planning and construction of offshore wind farms and site testing within Irish waters. — John Deasy. [41733/19]

*524. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views that Newry has been earmarked as one of a number of sites being considered for the disposal of nuclear waste as outlined in the white paper of the UK Government; the consultation that has taken place between local authorities in Northern Ireland and County Louth on the matter; if any consultation has taken place between the UK and Irish Governments in respect of the proposal; the steps he will take to ensure this will not take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41771/19]

*525. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41813/19]

*526. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when an area (details supplied) in County Waterford will have full broadband connection and access to internet services available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [41830/19]

*527. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of responses received to the NBP mapping consultation; the number of responses that were brought to the attention and or notified to the EU Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41913/19]

*528. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that householders that have yet to be connected to a broadband service cannot have the line tested by Eir unless they have been issued with an Eircode; if the process of issuing Eircodes can be made more efficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [42204/19]

*529. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the New Just Transition Commissioner for the Midlands confirmed in the budget funding worth €31 million and €20 million for retrofitting social housing, €5 million for peatlands rehabilitation and €6 million for the new community fund will include the area around Littleton, County Tipperary in which a factory (details supplied) closed recently; and if new jobs to replace those lost by the former workers will be included in same. — Alan Kelly. [42235/19]

*530. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 533 of 17 September 2019, if tenders have now been invited for the project; if so, the closing date for receipt of tenders; the number of contractors invited to tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [42263/19]

*531. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of the introduction of amending legislation in 2019 to provide for an 2050 mitigation objective, carbon budgeting and improved accountability arrangements including net zero target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42268/19]

*532. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position taken by the State at the recent EU Environment Council on 4 October 2019 on the proposal to increase the European Union's Nationally Determined Contribution in 2020 to at least 55% by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42269/19]

*533. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the security of supply review that was committed to concerns raised regarding the Shannon LNG will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [42291/19]

*534. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to introduce a smoky coals or single use plastic ban into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [42293/19]

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

*535. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which alternative shipping or air routes remain available for food exports to all markets in the aftermath of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42241/19]

*536. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the allocation in 2020 for the Dunkettle roundabout works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [42343/19]

*537. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the action taken by his Department and Sport Ireland to bring the current damaging impasse to an end (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41625/19]

*538. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the membership of the National Trails Advisory Committee and the National Trails Office. — Dara Calleary. [41647/19]

*539. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding provided to the National Trails Office in each of the past five years. — Dara Calleary. [41648/19]

*540. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding provided for the creation of new hiking trails here. — Dara Calleary. [41649/19]

*541. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding to the National Trails Office or similar bodies for the provision of bathroom and or parking facilities in proximity to hiking trailheads will be provided. — Dara Calleary. [41650/19]

*542. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if an assurance that funding through the Sports Capital Programme and other statutory streams will continue to be made available to clubs engaged in coastal rowing that have chosen to remain affiliated to an association (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41651/19]

*543. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a feasibility study will be requested into the opening of a rail line from Dublin to Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41703/19]

*544. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the National Transport Authority advisory council to be set up under section 17 of the Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008; when this advisory council will be set up; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41707/19]

*545. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41728/19]

*546. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the actions being taken by his Department and Sport Ireland to expedite the progress of the talks in order to ensure that an amicable solution can be reached between an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41786/19]

*547. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the feasibility study for a second interchange on the M4 at Maynooth; the timeline for the tender process; the timeline for the subsequent construction process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [41788/19]

*548. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41826/19]

*549. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the additional €27 million current spending allocated to his Department for 2020. — Darragh O'Brien. [41828/19]

*550. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the additional capital spending allocated to his Department for 2020. — Darragh O'Brien. [41829/19]

*551. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of new and or refurbished intercity rail cars that will be put into operation in 2019, 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41845/19]

*552. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount that will be invested in PSO bus fleets by route in 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41846/19]

*553. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount paid to companies (details supplied) by the NTA in respect of internal audits in 2018 and 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41893/19]

*554. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount paid to companies historically by the NTA in respect of consultancy and or legal advices by company and or consultancy engaged; the project and or reason for engagement; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41894/19]

*555. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the proposed improvements that will take place in relation to rural public transport arising from the undertaking in the Budget speech of the Minister for Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform to tackle climate change by investing in our rural transport network (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42091/19]

*556. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding for an e-cargo bike grant will be considered for businesses to avail of in order to make a reduction in the price of a cargo bike which can be used for transport and deliveries for short distances in urban areas in view of the serious traffic congestion (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42099/19]

*557. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the additional capacity that will be made to the Dublin Bus Fleet in 2020 to deal with the continuing increase in bus passenger numbers which is causing great difficulty on some routes for passengers at rush hour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42104/19]

*558. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding allocated to the green public transport fund in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42105/19]

*559. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when a capital grant will be approved for an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [42153/19]

*560. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when a capital grant will be approved for an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [42154/19]

*561. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will report on the progress of the feasibility study of high speed rail between Dublin Belfast, Dublin Limerick Junction Cork; if an evaluation of its economic benefits against improvements to existing line speeds will be carried out against relevant appraisal processes and value-for-money tests required under the Public Spending Code which according to the National Development Plan published in early 2018 was to commence within a year. — Catherine Martin. [42198/19]

*562. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the feasibility studies for improvement to rail infrastructure that have been carried out in the past five years; and if copies of such studies will be made available. — Catherine Martin. [42199/19]

*563. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the feasibility studies for improvement to rail infrastructure being carried out or are about to commence; and if copies of the terms of reference for such studies will be made available. — Catherine Martin. [42200/19]

*564. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the planned feasibility studies for improvement to rail infrastructure to be carried out in the next five years; and if documents which exist giving details of areas the studies are to cover will be made available. — Catherine Martin. [42201/19]

*565. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the next round of sports capital grants will be announced; the deadline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42208/19]

*566. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of incidents of vandalism at Irish Rail that have resulted in disruptions to services in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [42209/19]

*567. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of incidents of vandalism on Dublin Bus that have resulted in disruptions to services in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [42210/19]

*568. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of incidents of vandalism on the DART that have resulted in disruptions to services in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [42211/19]

*569. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of incidents of vandalism on the Luas that have resulted in disruptions to services in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [42212/19]

*570. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when announcements will be made in relation to the successful project in the current round of the sports capital grants; the reason for the delay in these announcements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42213/19]

*571. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount received by Ireland in TEN-T funding in each of the years since 2011; the projects that received the funding; when a decision will be made on the application by the Department to include the west of Ireland in the list of TEN-T eligible projects; the amount this is likely to bring in EU investment in infrastructure in the west of Ireland in the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42223/19]

*572. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if, in the context of the recent Climate Action Plan announced by the Government together with various proposals announced in Budget 2020 to promote decarbonisation and a positive to climate change, if he will request Iarnród Éireann to take steps to review its decision not to reopen the railway station at Thomastown, Killucan, County Westmeath which would facilitate and accommodate thousands of passengers weekly that leave this region in an eastward direction to work in Dublin and the commuter belt, and which can

lead to substantial gains in terms of carbon reduction and which would cost less than €2 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [42333/19]

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

*573. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if advice (details supplied) will be made public that was given to her Department by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding plans for an alternative application system for the national childcare scheme that would not necessitate a public services card and a MyGov identification; the reason this alternative application system was not chosen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41615/19]

*574. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children that will benefit from the universal subsidy provided by the national childcare scheme. — Anne Rabbitte. [41660/19]

*575. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children that will benefit from the targeted subsidy provided by the national childcare scheme. — Anne Rabbitte. [41661/19]

*576. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the level of targeted childcare subsidy that corresponds to each €5,000 income increment between €0 and €60,000 that is €0 to €5,000 and €5,000 to 10,000. — Anne Rabbitte. [41662/19]

*577. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if correspondence from a childcare provider (details supplied) will be receive a response; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41764/19]

*578. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of full-time and part-time civil servants her Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time and part-time civil servants her Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41812/19]

*579. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason a child (details supplied) cannot avail of a second free pre-school year. — Robert Troy. [41841/19]

*580. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the minimum and maximum ages for enrolment in the ECCE programme; if there is scope for discretion to be shown to individual children that are near the cut-off points and for whom an alternative starting date would be beneficial. — Anne Rabbitte. [41887/19]

*581. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views that it is appropriate a child (details supplied) has been denied access to the ECCE programme. — Anne Rabbitte. [41888/19]

*582. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a progress report will be provided on the several sample projects that were established in 2016 and 2017; the number of projects fully operational; the number of new sample projects established in 2018 and 2019 in relation to the future development of a single targeted youth funding programme to replace the current schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42110/19]

*583. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of youth projects established under the single targeted youth funding programme to date by location; the amount of funding received by each project to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42111/19]

*584. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the fact that a service (details supplied) is to be shut down on 11 October 2019 at the request of Tusla; the reason for same; the steps she can take to ensure the restoration of an after-school service for the parents and children affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42133/19]

*585. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention and that of Tusla has been drawn to a report and or to the contents of a report (details supplied) concerning children that were harmed by HSE orthodontic services in the Dublin mid-Leinster region over a period of time; if she will consult with the Minister for Health and consider issuing an order to the HSE to publish the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [42205/19]

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

*586. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his Department or agencies under its aegis have proactively identified possible walking trails for inclusion under its walks scheme. — Dara Calleary. [41644/19]

*587. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the general location and length of each walking trail included under the walks scheme in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [41645/19]

*588. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his Department collaborates with the creation and maintenance of walking trails under the remit of his Department's walks scheme. — Dara Calleary. [41646/19]

*589. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41824/19]

*590. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress made in developing an indemnity scheme for private landowners that make their land available for recreational purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41834/19]

*591. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when legislation to protect farmers from insurance claims from hill walkers will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42084/19]

*592. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when a decision will be made on applications under the town and village renewal scheme in 2019; when works approved will have to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42086/19]

*593. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the allocations by subhead for all capital expenditure by his Department in 2019; the expenditure to date broken down on the same basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42092/19]

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

*594. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will include a partial capacity benefit as a qualifying payment for springboard courses; if her attention has been drawn to the mental health benefits which may help partial capacity benefit recipients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [42179/19]

*595. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding the Gateway local authority labour activation scheme; if an appraisal of the scheme has been carried out by her Department; if it was fair that Gateway participants came off the scheme on a lower rate of social welfare and without their fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41706/19]

*596. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the application form for exceptional needs payments is available online on her Department's website; if not, the reason for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41711/19]

*597. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41806/19]

*598. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of full-time and part-time civil servants her Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time and part-time civil servants her Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41817/19]

*599. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [41837/19]

*600. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41843/19]

*601. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status an application by a person (details supplied) for a household benefits package; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [41896/19]

*602. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41915/19]

*603. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for the delay in a decision being made on a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41920/19]

*604. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the entitlements of the State pension (contributory) recipients that were self-employed and in receipt of farm assist payments previously will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41937/19]

*605. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal for an application by a person (details supplied) for the domiciliary care allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [41993/19]

*606. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a full entitlement to illness benefit for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [41995/19]

*607. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42018/19]

*608. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if further consideration will be given to the request by community employment scheme supervisors for proper pension entitlements (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [42033/19]

*609. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carers allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [42038/19]

*610. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied). — Tom Neville. [42040/19]

*611. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of jobseeker's aged 18 to 24 years of age that will see their payment rate increased to the full rate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [42053/19]

*612. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when she will establish the judge-led group to examine child maintenance; the terms of reference for this group; the timeframe in which the group will be expected to report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [42054/19]

*613. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which a €2 increase in the fuel allowance will offset a €6 carbon tax increase when vulnerable households are already experiencing increased energy costs which have been rising; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [42055/19]

*614. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a series of matters in relation to the pension of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [42132/19]

*615. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for the delay for a person (details supplied) being granted a disability allowance. — Maurice Quinlivan. [42141/19]

*616. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason means tested qualified adult payments for those on a contributory pension treat savings as income to be assessed which can result in the loss of the payment when at the same time it is encouraged by Government for persons to save for their old age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42143/19]

*617. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the location in which the method for means testing for various social protection payments is laid out in legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42144/19]

*618. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status in relation to an illness benefit review claim by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [42178/19]

*619. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress that has been made in addressing the lack of pension provision for community employment supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [42257/19]

*620. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding an application by a person (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [42326/19]

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

*621. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the factory, a vital community programme in Limerick is due to close in December 2019; the way in which the cut in funding can be justified; if his attention has been further drawn to the large expenditure on the facility; if the facility on the southside of Limerick will remain open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [41702/19]

*622. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the Marine Planning and Development Management Bill; and the way in which this legislation will apply to offshore renewable energy projects. — John Deasy. [41734/19]

*623. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of foreshore licences related to offshore renewal energy projects that have been approved by his Department in the past three years; and the number of applications awaiting a decision. — John Deasy. [41735/19]

*624. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time and part-time civil servants his Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41821/19]

*625. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the estimated amount it would cost in 2020 if the budget for An Bord Pleanála increased by 8.5%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [41833/19]

*626. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the fact that housing assistance payment applications are taking up to eight weeks to process; his further

views that this timeline is acceptable in view of the demand on such properties; and if he will investigate the possibility of reducing this timeline. — Robert Troy. [41842/19]

*627. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41928/19]

*628. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41931/19]

*629. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41932/19]

*630. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41933/19]

*631. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if progress in relation to the ongoing talks between the EPA, his officials and officials from Leitrim County Council regarding the design of a waste water percolation system for County Leitrim that would be acceptable under the 2010 EPA guidelines for waste water treatment plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [42008/19]

*632. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress in relation to the design of a waste water percolation system that would be acceptable under the 2010 EPA guidelines for waste water treatment plants in County Leitrim and in particular if he had reached conclusion on funding for a pilot programme in co-operation with the Minister for Rural and Community Development.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [42009/19]

*633. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason Irish Water do not have sufficient funds in the latter months of 2019 to undertake urgent projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [42023/19]

*634. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of the Budget 2020 allocation to each programme or scheme within his Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [42082/19]

*635. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has had discussions with the SEAI in connection with the Budget increase of the carbon tax in relation to re-opening the deep retrofit scheme; if following these discussions there will be a change to the scheme; the number of extra houses that will be covered by the scheme in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42085/19]

*636. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if it is planned to provide funding in 2020 to Uisce Éireann for the provision of sewerage systems in towns and villages that have no public waste water systems at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42093/19]

*637. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of staff engaged in the housing delivery office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42100/19]

*638. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress made to date on a wider fire safety review of buildings at risk here as part of the response to the Grenfell Tower disaster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42101/19]

*639. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of HAP and RAS units in each local authority; the average HAP and RAS payments being made by local authority in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42107/19]

*640. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the ongoing revaluation of rateable properties taking place across many local authorities is planned to be revenue neutral for each local authority; if so, if a mechanism will be applied to ensure such councils return to a revenue neutral status in view of the fact that that many successful appeals to the Valuation Tribunal have seen an aggregate loss of income to a number of local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [42122/19]

*641. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the next round of local infrastructure housing activation fund will open for applications; and the dedicated budget for this round. — Robert Troy. [42125/19]

*642. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount of additional funding allocated from Budget 2020 to the mica redress scheme; when the funding will be allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [42167/19]

*643. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to introduce regulations to provide for a deposit retention scheme under s. 61 of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2015; the timeline for same; if not, the reason therefor; the measures he is taking to strengthen tenants' rights in relation to deposits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [42203/19]

*644. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the improvement in the supply of accommodation in rent pressure zones arising from the curtailment in 2019 of short-term letting in these areas; if he has discussed with the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the impact of these regulations on the tourist trade in these areas; if he has the feedback he received from the Minister or his Department; and if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42218/19]

*645. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he has taken for 2020 to address the shortfall in funding for the local authorities in County Galway identified in the expert report on the restructuring of local government in Galway in which they recommended that this matter be addressed before changes would take place in the local authority structures in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42219/19]

*646. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if an application has been received for stage 1 approval of a voluntary housing project (details supplied); when a decision will be made on the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42220/19]

*647. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress that has been made in relation to plans to implement the decision of persons in Limerick city and county to support the referendum on a directly-elected mayor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [42231/19]

*648. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 204 of 26 September 2019, if the council has appointed engineering consultants to assist with the progression of the scheme through the next four phases of the project. — Brendan Ryan. [42261/19]

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

*649. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the type of funding that an organisation (details supplied) receives from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [41621/19]

*650. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the redevelopment of the Maynooth Harbour project and related works; the amount of funding committed to this project for 2019 and 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41714/19]

*651. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her view on proposals (details supplied). — Jackie Cahill. [41727/19]

*652. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of full-time and part-time civil servants her Department has recruited by grade in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time and part-time civil servants her Department has lost due to retirement by grade in the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41814/19]

*653. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when a decision will be made on an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [41864/19]

*654. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the timeline for the transfer of the National Symphony Orchestra from RTÉ to the National Concert Hall; the moneys available to fund the proposed transfer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [42002/19]

*655. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if there is allocation in the budgets of the capital projects funded by her Department for the commissioning of artwork and other peripheral additions (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [42062/19]

*656. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil an cúram maidir le maoiniú a chur ar fáil do Chomhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann á aistriú nó aistrithe ón Roinn go dtí an Chomhairle Ealaíon, nó an bhfuil sé i gceist aici an cúram sin a aistriú chuici; agus más rud é go bhfuil, cén fáth a bhfuil sé seo á dhéanamh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42087/19]

*657. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta an raibh aon chomhráití aici nó ag a Roinn leis an Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil, le hUisce Éireann agus le hÚdarás na Gaeltachta maidir le húsáid a bhaint as na córais séarachais, atá ar na heastáit thionsclaíocha ar fud na Gaeltachta, a chur ar fáil i gcomhar le hUisce Éireann, le freastal ar na pobail máguaird; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42088/19]

*658. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if it is planned to appoint a new Moore Street advisory committee in line with the recommendations of the report The Moore Street Report -Securing History 2 published on 31 July 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42089/19]

*659. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if it is planned to endorse and implement the recommendations in the report of the Moore Street Advisory Committee, The Moore Street Report- Securing History 2 published on 31 July 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42090/19]

*660. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if there has been a change in the funding arrangements or funding application process for Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [42146/19]

*661. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question No. 529 of 8 October 2019, each specified activity in question; if the 2004 agreement provided for a payment for designation to reflect its effect on land values or a payment for the management of that land; if so, the payment provided per hectare; and the annual budget allocated for each year that the agreement operated. — Jackie Cahill. [42172/19]

*662. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the creation of a national night-time culture steering committee in her Department; the membership of the committee; the expected frequency of meetings; the envisaged ongoing relationship with the pilot night-time culture groups in Dublin and Cork; the need for the inclusion of balanced input from rural and smaller urban centres; the terms of reference of the work of the committee; the expected policy and legislative remit of the committee; the need for public consultation; and the expected timeline of the committee's work. — Catherine Martin. [42193/19]

*663. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the planned national survey of venues for night-time cultural activity; the expected format of the survey; the methodology of the survey; if there is a need to include the views of venue users in the survey; the types of venues envisaged to be surveyed; and the expected timeline for completion of the survey. — Catherine Martin. [42194/19]

*664. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when a substantive reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied) which was followed by several reminders; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42215/19]

*665. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta cén fáth nár chaith An Foras Teanga, de réir thuarascáil an Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste, ach €13.325m den €14.028m a chuir an Roinn ar fail dóibh do 2018; cá mhéad den airgead nár caitheadh a bhain le Foras na Gaeilge agus cá mhéad a bhain leis an mBord Ultaise; cé na tograí ar bhain an tearc-chaitheamh €700,000 leo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42227/19]

*666. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cá mhéad a caitheadh gach bliain ar an scéim do mhúineadh na Gaeilge in ollscoileanna thar sáile ó bunaíodh an scéim; cén líon institiúidí a bhí páirteach gach bliain go dtí seo; an bhfuil sé i gceist athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar an scéim chun na hathruithe atá tagtha ar theicneolaíocht chianfhoghlama ó shin agus athruithe eile a chur i gcuntas; cén líon mac léinn a tháinig go hÉirinn gach bliain le trí bliana anuas de thoradh na scéime; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42229/19]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH,
I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADAONIN, 16 DEIREADH FÓMHAIR, 2019
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 2019**

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Infrastructure last met. — Joan Burton. [42284/19]

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

2. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether public service broadcasting should and will include a dedicated station for culture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42163/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans for households that are in near proximity to the EIR fibre to the home FTTH but still cannot avail of fibre at present; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a number of households are in close proximity to FTTH but were not included in the original 300,000 commercial roll out of fibre; if the possibility of having these numerous household connected to broadband will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [42156/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the retrofitting of social housing and those at risk of energy poverty under the expanded warmer homes scheme will be prioritised; and his plans to ensure that the SEAI is in a position to assess applications and coordinate delivery in a timely manner. — Timmy Dooley. [42298/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated cost of the National Broadband Plan once completed; the amount paid out to date; the estimated amount that will be paid between now and the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42249/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of applications active in the Connemara electoral areas for either new prospecting licences or for the extension of existing licences; when it is expected a decision will be made on the applications; the areas covered in each licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42278/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeline for the commencement of works on the ground under the National Broadband Plan; the measures

contained within same to ensure rapid roll out of broadband services for rural areas, rural communities and regional towns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [42304/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the engagement he has had with the CEOs of Bord na Móna and the ESB on the future of West Offaly and Lough Ree power stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [41798/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when he plans to carry out early assessments of the social and employment impacts of climate policies and identify the social protection needs in the changing industries in addition to the active labour market policies as recommended in the recent cross party report of the Joint Committee on Climate Action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [38878/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if persons that had works carried out under the SEAI better energy warmer homes scheme and which were deemed incomplete will be eligible to re-apply under the scheme to get those works completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [42300/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the establishment of a digital safety commissioner. — Timmy Dooley. [42296/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of plans for the rollout of the National Broadband Plan; the activities to take place in 2019 and 2020 following the allocation in Budget 2020 to progress the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [42314/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress made to date in relation to the national broadband scheme; when contracts will be signed for the scheme and commence the roll out of broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42277/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding funding streams which are available to support home owners on low incomes to retrofit their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42250/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to address the significant deficit in funding to the SEAI for the deep retrofit of homes here in the context of 2030 climate action targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41404/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [42299/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number and location of existing and planned air quality monitoring stations in cities and towns; and the actions he will take to introduce a national clean air strategy in 2019. — Timmy Dooley. [42294/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to ensure the future of the post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [42297/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps being taken to minimise the time period to connect renewable generators to the grid in view of the fact there is a wait of over eight years for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42158/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeline for the introduction of legislation for a digital safety commissioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [42274/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which the plans to provide high-quality, high-speed broadband in all areas nationally are progressing; when work on the relevant contract will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42232/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the introduction of a nationwide ban on smoky fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41406/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has considered the implications for rural areas of the target for one million electric cars by 2030; if so, if it is planned to offer a range of additional incentives, particularly aimed at rural communities, to encourage motorists towards electric vehicle ownership as recommended by the Citizens' Assembly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [30435/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has had discussions recently with his counterparts in Northern Ireland in relation to the proposed North South Interconnector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [42272/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the transitional projects that are envisaged by the Budget 2020 announcement of special funding for the midland region under the decarbonisation plan; and the additional supports that will be put in place (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [42301/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the implications for his Department from the recent UN Climate Summit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42164/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether the evidence that fracked gas is significantly worse for the environment, particularly in relation to methane emissions and other types of fossil fuels and that actions or decisions by the Government that would allow the use of fracked gas here directly contravenes and undermines meaningful action on climate change. — Eamon Ryan. [42275/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to enhance fast charging points for electric vehicles in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the grants available to owners of service stations nationally to enable them to develop high speed 100 kWh electric car fast charging points at their service stations; the grant supports in place for persons that

wish to introduce a charge point at their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [42251/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the next round of Climate Action Fund will go ahead in 2019 as planned and outlined under the 2018-2027 National Development Plan tranche of Project 2040; and if it will be open to all organisations not just public organisations in view of the fact that the 2018 funding allocation was exclusively provided to public organisations. — Robert Troy. [42302/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment 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]

31. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the mechanisms he is considering to develop private finance models in support of the deep retrofit of residential buildings; and the way in which such financing might be expected to operate with respect to the length of loans, interest rates and so on. — Eamon Ryan. [42276/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding his Department is making available to help county councils deal with incidents of illegal dumping and fly tipping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42252/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the outline of just transition plans for Bord na Mona workers in County Kildare following the announcement of the new fund as part of Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [42279/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the planning application in Northern Ireland in relation to the proposed North South Interconnector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [42273/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which Ireland plans to address the issue of climate change continues; the main pillars of the proposal, with particular reference to the extent to which the country can become less reliant on fossil fuel energy; the degree to which electricity generation can depend on alternative such as wind, solar and hydro power; the percentage of total requirements now being met by such means; his projections for the future in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42233/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he is taking to protect employment in the Midlands in view of the ceasing of the PSO on West Offaly and Lough Ree power stations in December 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [41799/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a disability advocacy group will be considered as one of the listed SDG champions to drive forward SDGs in view of the number of persons living with disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [42281/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to sign the contract for the complete roll out of fibre to the home; and the timeline for delivering the plan to rural areas such as County Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [42157/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when a review of security of energy supply will be undertaken; and his plans to ensure that this assessment is carried out independently and transparently. — Timmy Dooley. [42295/19]