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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will conduct a review of the costs of school building projects in view of the rapid increase in the cost per square metre of school construction projects in the context of a reduced capital budget in education; his plans to ensure that value is achieved; and if increases in cost have led to delays in tendering under the school building programme. — Thomas Byrne. [42699/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of additional school places for Swords, County Dublin in view of the demand and the growing population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [42730/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to ensure each child with a special need has a school place in the 2019/2020 school year; and if he will report on the planning underway for special education places in September 2020. — Thomas Byrne. [42700/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding for additional SNAs and improvements in the pay and conditions of SNAs will be provided for in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [42572/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which the allocation for Vote 26 in Budget 2020 will impact in on class size at primary level or significantly address the longstanding concerns of an organisations (details supplied) in relation to much needed additional personnel and resources for primary education. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42634/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he will take to support small schools and the communities they serve. — Peter Burke. [42607/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures in Budget 2020 which will contribute to a reduction in the pupil-teacher ratio in primary schools; the progress that has been made in previous years in reducing the pupil-teacher ratio; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [42613/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress on the acquisition by the Louth and Meath Education and Training Board of a permanent site for a school (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the lack of further education facilities in the County Meath area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [42581/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for delays in the payment of teachers salaries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [42541/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the project brief for a school redevelopment project at a school (details supplied) has been finalised; when the brief will proceed to the next stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [42602/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has satisfied himself that the provisions of the Education Act 1998 paragraph 18 (1) is not placing an unnecessary administrative financial burden on national schools; if he has satisfied himself that the insistence by an organisation (details supplied) that national schools must submit accounts online via an accountant, as opposed to school treasurer thus incurring a significant fee is not placing an unnecessary administrative financial burden on national schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [42354/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the analysis his Department undertook of detailed submissions forwarded by community groups in relation to the proposed closure of two second-level schools (details supplied); if the analysis by his Department was brought to his attention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [42594/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the lack of provision for further education and the limited number of PLC courses available to those in the Dublin 15 and Dunboyne areas; if his attention has been further drawn to the number of young persons that lack opportunities to progress to third-level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [42579/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a development at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41416/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the project brief for a school redevelopment project at a school (details supplied); the most recent contacts with the school patron in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [42601/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details of the planned programme for school building for 2020; if the capital spending programme will meet the demands expected in primary, secondary and third levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [42577/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if teaching principals in small and medium schools will be supported in recognition of their administrative responsibilities. — Pat Deering. [42603/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the projects likely to be impacted by recent cuts to the projected capital spend envisaged for his Department in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [42545/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to meet with a deputation (details supplied) in relation to the delivery of second-level education in north west County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [42593/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the additional recruitment in schools which will take place as a result of Budget 2020; the progress made in school recruitment since mid-2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [42614/19]

21. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna an bhfuil sé i gceist aige deontas céad faoin gcéad a thabhairt isteach arís chun go gclúdfar an costas a bhaineann leis an tréimhse a chaitheann ábhair oidí sa Ghaeltacht mar chuid riachtanach dá gcúrsaí; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42351/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the impact of the bereavement supports introduced for the leaving certificate in summer 2019 have had to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [42610/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the lack of access to counselling for second-level students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41410/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for the reduction of the capital budget in Budget 2020 for his Department. — Thomas Byrne. [42524/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if children in ASD units receive follow-up assessments and checks to ensure their educational needs are met; the way in which this is monitored and reported; if separate funding is made available for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42589/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for his decision to give history special core status. — Pat Deering. [42604/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the frustration of school secretaries at the delay in actions that would have their pay and conditions put on a par with all other public servants; his views on the matter; and if he will work towards a speedy resolution that avoids potential industrial action at schools. — Niamh Smyth. [42353/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address the number of primary and secondary schools using temporary premises for their schools; the checks that take place by his Department to insure these temporary premises are fit for purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [42575/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the efforts he is making to support small schools; the measures in Budget 2020 which assist small schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [42609/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if works on permanent places for all colleges of further education have been ceased in 2019 pending the completion of a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [42525/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the actions he is taking for September 2020 to address unmet demand for school places for children with special needs. — Thomas Byrne. [42527/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the further actions he will take to accelerate the narrowing of the gap between DEIS and non-DEIS schools and further improve the outcomes for those attending DEIS schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [41421/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he is satisfied with the new criteria for Irish exemptions as announced on 12 August 2019; the way in which he can address concerns of many that this new criteria has led to downgrading of Irish as a thought subject in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [42345/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to introduce history as a core subject on the junior cycle. — Thomas Byrne. [42526/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if teaching principals in small and medium schools will be supported in recognition of their administrative responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [42611/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for the decision to give history special core status for the junior cycle. — Peter Burke. [42608/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which and when he will ensure that all school secretaries are properly remunerated for the important work they do; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41412/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the discussions he has had with the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport to ensure comprehensive transport services for a radius of at least 45 kilometres from towns and cities with third-level institutions in view of the fact that under 45 kilometres his Department, through SUSI, only pay the adjacent rate grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42350/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the impact the cut to the education capital budget will have in view of the 471 schools that are in temporary buildings and numerous other schools promised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42588/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to support the children identified in the counties of Roscommon and Mayo audiology misdiagnosis within the education system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [41801/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if additional core funding has been provided for the third level education sector in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [42439/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the talks in relation to industrial action being undertaken by school secretaries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [42542/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the additional funding provided for higher level student supports in Budget 2020, in particular for SUSI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [42440/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the site acquisition to accommodate a school (details supplied); the timeline of works to ensure that the school campus is completed as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41413/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the degree to which he expects class sizes and student teacher ratios to improve in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42553/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the limited increase in the capitation grants in view of the number of schools which struggle to cover their running costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [42582/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of students that have availed of bereavement arrangements since the pilot scheme was introduced in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [42612/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress in identifying possible sites for the proposed new school building for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [42597/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the €19 million drop in capital spending arising from his post-budget statement will affect school building projects in the Dublin 7 and Dublin 15 areas, in particular for schools (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [42578/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department receives feedback from principals of secondary schools regarding the need for special education classes including those schools already taking students from ASD schools at primary level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41411/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to include school secretaries in full-time year-long remuneration with full rights and employment entitlements as enjoyed by others working in the public sector. — Peadar Tóibín. [39523/19]

52. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cén fáth nach bhfuil sé chun ábhar éigeantach a dhéanamh athuair den stair i gcomhair an Teastais Shóisearaigh, agus cad iad a thuairimí ar an ábhar sin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [41408/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his hosting of a symposium on small schools before summer 2019 and his introduction of changes to the PTR for small schools and additional release days for teaching principals, signals a policy shift to support small schools. — Tom Neville. [42606/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the process to move a school (details supplied) to tender stage; the status of conveyancing of the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [42596/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress of the new building for a school (details supplied) in County Kildare; the timeline for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42513/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to support rural schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [41800/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the situation of schools affected by an issue with a company (details supplied); if a full independent review will be conducted; if so, when such a review will take place; and the mechanisms his Department is using to procure the school building programme. — Bríd Smith. [42576/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to establish a digital literacy education programme at both primary and secondary level in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [42544/19]

59. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna an bhfuil sé chun aon athrú a dhéanamh ar an éagóir atá i gceist maidir leis na táillí suntasacha is gá d'ábhair múinteoirí a íoc as an gcoicís éigeantach a chaitheann said sa Ghaeltacht mar chuid den chúrsa bunmhúinteoireachta i mbliain a haon agus i mbliain a trí den chúrsa, agus an bhfuil sé i gceist aige an táille a ísliú nó deireadh a chur léi. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [41407/19]

60. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the 1,000 SNA positions announced in Budget 2020 are additional to the 900 announced in 2019; the number of the 900 positions that have been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42352/19]

61. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the level of funding for accommodation adaptation available to the schools in the Dublin 7 and 15 areas that have been served with notices pursuant to section 37A of the Education Act 1998; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [42580/19]

62. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details of additional provision made for student accommodation in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [42595/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to develop a strategy to address the falling university rankings. — Thomas Byrne. [42528/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of school building projects at stage 2B detailed design; the number that have been at this stage for up to 1, 1 to 3, 3 to 5, 5 to 7, 7 to 10 and more than 10 years, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [41420/19]

65. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider changing the status of turntables to deem them musical instruments on the school curriculum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [42605/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which he expects the teaching requirements of children with special needs will be met in the coming year with particular reference to the availability of special needs teachers, special needs assistants, speech and languages therapists

and occupational therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42552/19]

67. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the contracts of employment of SNAs allow for the loss of employment of a SNA worker in a school following a SENO assessment in which it is deemed a position is not required for example; the security of employment or guarantee of another position elsewhere for SNAs affected by such an assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [42591/19]

68. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has considered the CIPFA report initiated by the ETB and brought to his attention in July 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [42344/19]

69. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress of a new building for a school (details supplied) in County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [42512/19]

70. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which funding for apprenticeships was allocated by his Department; and if preference was given to rural areas in such allocations. — Martin Kenny. [30218/19]

71. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for the apparent overpayments by his Department in purchasing land intended for new schools in Dublin specifically the purchase of sites in Harold’s Cross and Sandymount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [42543/19]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*72. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if documentation requested by a person (details supplied) as part of their residency application will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [42741/19]

*73. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of capital projects that cost €100 million or more in the past five years; the cost of outside consultants for each of the projects costing €100 million or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42865/19]

*74. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of capital projects anticipated to commence in the next five years that cost €100 million or more; the expected cost of external consultants for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42881/19]

*75. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 47 of 19 September 2019, if discretion to reduce the pension of certain members of the Defence Forces rests finally with his Department or the judiciary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42900/19]

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

*76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of first-time applications from Great Britain and Northern Ireland that applied for an Irish passport from 2014 to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42705/19]

*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the passport waiting times at present; the length of time online applications are taking to process; the length of time postal express applications are taking to complete; the number of applications the Passport Office has dealt with to date in 2019; if this number is up on 2018 for the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42706/19]

*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will address a matter raised in correspondence in relation to Bahrain (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42752/19]

*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of capital projects that cost €100 million or more in the past five years; the cost of outside consultants for each of the projects costing €100 million or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42869/19]

*80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of capital projects anticipated to commence in the next five years that cost €100 million or more; the expected cost of external consultants for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42885/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*81. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which the proposed new diesel rebate scheme for hauliers will operate, with reference to changes to the price floor, price ceiling and maximum rebate associated with this scheme. — Marc MacSharry. [42663/19]

*82. To ask the Minister for Finance the rationale of not first deploying resources from the rainy day fund to address additional no-deal Brexit expenditure rather than returning to borrowing for this purpose. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42683/19]

*83. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to end the practices of dual pricing and personalised pricing by insurance companies in setting premium prices. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42687/19]

*84. To ask the Minister for Finance the special arrangements that apply to agricultural contractors in respect of changes made to carbon tax and diesel rebate as part of Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42698/19]

*85. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [42756/19]

*86. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide all correspondence between him and or his office and or his advisers and or the Secretary General and or the office of the Secretary

General and the Department of Health in September 2019 and to 10 October 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42780/19]

*87. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax allowances available for carers that do not qualify for a carer's allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [42825/19]

*88. To ask the Minister for Finance the rationale behind the budgeted yield of €80 million from the changing of the dividend withholding tax rate of 25% if the tax can be deducted from an income tax payers income tax liability; the amount of the €80 million anticipated to come from dividends paid to Irish tax residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42851/19]

*89. To ask the Minister for Finance the list of flat rate expense allowances; the available allowance for each flat rate expense; the purpose of each allowance; the profession it is linked to; if the allowance is based on legislation; if his intention is to remove all allowances that are not based in legislation; the expected yield from such a change; if that yield was incorporated into budget figures for revenue raising measures; when he expects the changes to be introduced; his plans to amend legislation in order that some of the allowances are permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42852/19]

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of cases over the past five years in which the Revenue Commissioners have settled a tax liability for less than the value of the tax liability; the difference in each year between the final settlements made and tax liabilities on those settlements; the reason for settling for less than the tax liability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42853/19]

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of capital projects that cost €100 million or more in the past five years; the cost of outside consultants for each of the projects costing €100 million or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42868/19]

*92. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of capital projects anticipated to commence in the next five years that cost €100 million or more; the expected cost of external consultants for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42884/19]

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

*93. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for a building (details supplied); the use being made of same; the way in which it is being protected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [42712/19]

*94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if Budget 2020 was poverty proofed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [42732/19]

*95. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of contracts for food concessions in hospitals, universities and all other State-run institutions which are held by UK owned companies, in a no-deal Brexit situation and a deal Brexit situation respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [42757/19]

*96. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide all correspondence between him and or his office and or his advisers and or the Secretary General and or the office of

the Secretary General and the Department of Health in September 2019 and to 10 October 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42781/19]

*97. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding will be provided for works on a river (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42821/19]

*98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Office of Public Works has received an application from Donegal County Council for funding under the non-coastal minor works funding programme in 2017; if so, the status of the application; the timeframe in which a decision can be expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [42837/19]

*99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the changes proposed for major capital projects over €100 million; the expected cost of the changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42855/19]

*100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of capital projects that cost €100 million or more in the past five years; the cost of outside consultants for each of the projects costing €100 million or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42873/19]

*101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of capital projects anticipated to commence in the next five years that cost €100 million or more; the expected cost of external consultants for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42889/19]

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

*102. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the design team for a school (details supplied) in County Kildare can provide a date for the completion of the stage 2b documentation. — Martin Heydon. [42632/19]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to increase the availability of school bus places in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [42633/19]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cost of implementing the National Council for Special Education's policy advice on educational provision for children with autism spectrum disorders recommendation to extend the enhanced level of capitation grant to post-primary schools with special classes on the same basis as primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [42641/19]

*105. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the recommendations of the National Council for Special Education's policy advice on educational provision for children with autism spectrum disorders which have not yet been implemented; the timescale for implementation of these measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [42642/19]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the dates in 2018 and 2019 in which the implementation group of the National Council for Special Education's policy advice on educational

provision for children with autism spectrum disorders has met; and when it is next planned for this group to meet. — Thomas Byrne. [42643/19]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position with regard to the provision of additional places and classrooms for children with special needs in which a new building for an existing school is being provided under the capital programme and additional accommodation schemes; if new places and classrooms for children with special needs must be provided or planned in the location such a project is undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [42644/19]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a child currently has access to a SNA but is told that reassessment is required to continue to qualify for access, but the assessments are not within six months due to resource and staff shortages, the way in which the child is to be supported in school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42653/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the schools part of the school inclusion model, that being, the 75 schools in counties Kildare, Wicklow and south County Dublin areas currently participating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42654/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if staff in NEPS that take leave or maternity leave are replaced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42656/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the length of time children that suffer a bereavement are expected to wait on waiting lists to be seen and assessed by psychologists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42657/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children being home schooled at primary level; if they are all in receipt of the home tuition grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42658/19]

*113. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status in relation to a school building for additional accommodation for a school (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [42674/19]

*114. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if consideration will be given to backdating a school transport grant in respect of a child (details supplied) in Dublin 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [42695/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of restoring capitation rates to pre-2010 levels following the implementation of increases announced in Budget 2020. — Thomas Byrne. [42708/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a decision by a college (details supplied) to refuse to accept an applicant's residency in spite of SUSI and CAO's acceptance of their residency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [42733/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a new school building for a school (details supplied); if the ETB in question has procured a design team on this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42745/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of emotional behavioural units in primary schools in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [42747/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the value of funds to be made available for further education of the €174 million set aside for higher education. — Thomas Byrne. [42749/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of permitting schools with enrolments of 700 or more to fill caretaker vacancies provided they have fewer than two caretakers in Budget 2020. — Thomas Byrne. [42750/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of permitting schools with enrolments of 500 to 650 to fill secretary vacancies provided they have fewer than 1.5 posts and schools with enrolments of 626 to 699 provided they have fewer than two posts filled in Budget 2020. — Thomas Byrne. [42751/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to an implementation of a section 37(a) in one part of the country, if and when he will be extending this nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Murphy. [42753/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a geographical breakdown of the ASD classes available nationally, both by county and by primary and secondary schools will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Murphy. [42754/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department has carried out an analysis for demand for ASD classes nationally; if so, the figures by region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Murphy. [42755/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide a copy of all correspondence from him and or his office and or his advisers to or from other persons or offices in his Department regarding schools in County Donegal. — Alan Kelly. [42786/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to ensure a child (details supplied) with ASD and other diagnoses has access to the necessary interventions and assistance they require and that the cut to their SNA allocation will be reversed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [42790/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the catchment boundary for a school (details supplied) is so large; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [42800/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department will aid a school (details supplied) in its bid to increase its yard space in view of the fact that its school numbers have increased leading to health and safety concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [42809/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of each secondary school in County Wicklow involved in the school building programme; the length of time they have been in their current development stage; the average times for all development stages to complete; the estimated time for projects to progress to completion in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [42816/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the options available to participate in the school transport scheme for a pupil that becomes homeless during the school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [42822/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his responsibilities with regard to the mandatory school age. — Thomas Byrne. [42823/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason he has not responded to communications, documents and reports provided to him from local community groups (details supplied); the reason he has not acknowledged or provided replies to the significant information submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [42827/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the campaign for one management day per week for teaching principals; his plans to implement same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [42831/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the allocation for the Skillnet programme in 2020 specifically for SME upskilling following Budget 2020; the allocation made to employee skills development initiatives in Budget 2020; and the allocation made for the launch of a digital skills initiative scheme. — Robert Troy. [42833/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason an arrangement has been put in place for bundle 5 PPP schools that sets a limit of 300 hours for the availability of the school after 6pm in the evening; the names and locations of schools built under PPP with such an arrangement; the extent to which these arrangements apply to the main school building; and if separate arrangements apply to playing pitches and other school facilities. — Róisín Shortall. [42839/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of capital projects that cost €100 million or more in the past five years; the cost of outside consultants for each of the projects costing €100 million or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42866/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of capital projects anticipated to commence in the next five years that cost €100 million or more; the expected cost of external consultants for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42882/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) can qualify for higher education grants or the back to education allowance in view of the fact that they have already undertaken private courses and are unable to progress further due to costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42902/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which his Department is meeting the needs of children at primary and post-primary level as identified by the various school authorities in Maynooth, County Kildare with specific reference to each school project or proposal to date; when the projects will reach fruition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42906/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the degree to which primary and post-primary school places as identified by the various school authorities in Leixlip, County Kildare continue to be met in full; the arrangement in place to meet deficiencies; the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42907/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in regarding to the provision of accommodation, new school buildings, refurbishment or upgrade in respect of primary and post-primary schools in Celbridge, County Kildare with particular reference to when all facilities will be ready for occupation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42908/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the current identified requirement in respect of primary and secondary school places in Naas, County Kildare; the degree to which each project is progressing or failing; the number of places involved; when all the accommodation as set out will be available for occupation in line with the requests of the local school authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42909/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the current identified requirement in respect of primary and secondary school places in Clane, County Kildare; the degree to which each project is progressing or failing; the number of places involved; when all the accommodation as set out will be available for occupation in line with the requests of the local school authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42910/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the current identified requirement in respect of primary and secondary school places in Prosperous, County Kildare; the degree to which each project is progressing or failing; the number of places involved; when all the accommodation as set out will be available for occupation in line with the requests of the local school authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42911/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the current identified requirement in respect of primary and secondary school places in Sallins, County Kildare; the degree to which each project is progressing or failing; the number of places involved; when all the accommodation as set out will be available for occupation in line with the requests of the local school authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42912/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the location and provision of the anticipated Gaelcoláiste for north County Kildare; the extent to which the arrangements have been finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42913/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the degree to which the current primary and second-level school accommodation at Kilcock, County Kildare continues to meet the requirements and demographics set out by the various school authorities; the proposals to assess these issues; the progress therein in respect of each case with a view to meeting in full as required the places necessary now and in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42914/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which he is meeting the primary school place requirements at Newtown, Enfield, Johnstown Bridge, Tirmohan, Rathcoffey and Donadea, County Kildare, in view of the increased need arising from demographics; the position regarding each school project; when increased facilities as required are likely to become available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42915/19]

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

*149. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress made in relation to the dangerous use of scrambler and quad bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [42630/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the selection of Mullingar as the Garda divisional headquarters for the new counties Meath and Westmeath area; when the new division will become operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [42648/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons in direct provision by county in tabular form; the length of time they have been in direct provision; the supports being made available to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42681/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the increasing use of facial recognition technology; and the regulations that exist regarding the use of facial recognition. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42685/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 646 of 6 September 2019, the number of persons summoned to court in relation to the offence of driving without a driver licence in each of the years 2016 to 12 July 2019 by District Court area. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42690/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the specific supports available for members of the Travelling community in Balbriggan, County Dublin; the additional supports and or investment planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [42760/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of official current and former Garda residences in the Galway Garda division by the number occupied and the vacant, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [42805/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of capital projects that cost €100 million or more in the past five years; the cost of outside consultants for each of the projects costing €100 million or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42872/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of capital projects anticipated to commence in the next five years that cost €100 million or more; the expected cost of external consultants for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42888/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed in order to update stamp 4 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42892/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which legislative provision exists to prevent third parties inveigling themselves in the confidence of vulnerable persons and subsequently becoming beneficiaries of their will; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42893/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42894/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the entitlement accruing to the holder of stamp 3 residency status in situations in which the parent of the applicant is a holder of stamp 5 status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42903/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if favourable consideration will be given in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42904/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the most appropriate way to proceed towards extended residency and or stamp 4 status in the case of a person (details supplied); if they may qualify for a work permit in order to complete their education and proceed to employment through that route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42905/19]

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

*164. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will report on the audit on working conditions in the film industry which is being carried out by the Workplace Relations Commission. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42688/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the breakdown of the composition of each measure foreseen to be activated under the fund following the announcement in Budget 2020 of a €45 million support fund for workers affected by Brexit. — Robert Troy. [42834/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the proposal from a union (details supplied) that workers should have the right to disconnect from work related phone and digital communications outside of working hours. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42689/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will provide all correspondence between her, her office and her advisers and the IDA in January 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42788/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the amount allocated in Budget 2020 to the Health and Safety Authority for farm safety initiatives in 2020; and the 2019 allocation and funds spent to date. — Charlie McConalogue. [42848/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of capital projects that cost €100 million or more in the past five years; the cost of outside consultants for each of the projects costing €100 million or more; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42861/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of capital projects anticipated to commence in the next five years that cost €100 million or more; the expected cost of external consultants for each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42877/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the way in which a person (details supplied) should proceed to achieve stamp 4 or a work permit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42901/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*172. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons on the waiting list for CAMHS in counties Cavan, Meath and Monaghan to date; the length of time they have been on the list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42635/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant posts in whole-time equivalent terms in the CAMHS service by CHO in tabular form. — Niamh Smyth. [42636/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health the status of works on a new site (details supplied); when works are likely to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42637/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the primary healthcare centre in Finglas, Dublin 11. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [42638/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are delays in obtaining doctors' appointments in the Ballymun healthcare centre and persons are often left over a week to get an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [42639/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for children to be diagnosed on the spectrum for autism in the Dublin 9 and 11 areas; and the way in which this compares to the national average. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [42640/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health the weighting percentages to be used as part of the upcoming HSE FreeStyle Libre review decision making process that will be given to criteria (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [42645/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health if the reimbursement dataset will specifically cover only current HSE funded users of FreeStyle Libre; and if the Health Technology Assessment Review will compare total blood glucose strip usage spend year on year. — Louise O'Reilly. [42646/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of dental services for post-primary children in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the days the service is in operation; his plans to increase resources in this area to allow for an extension of this service and hours provided per week in either county; and if same will be implemented to cover annual leave. — Niamh Smyth. [42647/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health if all school age teams have a full complement of specialists to allow multidisciplinary assessment and interventions; if in particular, a team (details supplied) has the complement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42649/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which children are prioritised for the school age team assessment; if it follows the national policy for prioritisation for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42650/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health if assessment of needs by school age teams have a long waiting list; if parents can have private assessments done and still avail of interventions and supports from the appropriate specialists on the teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42651/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health if each child has to have a second full multidisciplinary assessment after having one with the early intervention team when moving to primary school when they reach the age of five; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42652/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health if staff in the early intervention and school age teams are replaced while on leave and maternity leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42655/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paramedics assigned to counties Cavan and Monaghan; the stations they are assigned to; the number of ambulances operating in the counties; the stations they are operating from; the rota of same per day; the area they cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42659/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the hours and finance being made available for a position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42660/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe women in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath are waiting on smear test and CervicalCheck results to return to their general practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42678/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary care centres in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath; the services being provided by each location; his plans for further investment in services at these locations; if there are vacancies waiting to be filled at these centres in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42680/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he is addressing the rising number of delayed discharges from hospitals resulting from deficiencies in nursing home and homecare provision. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42686/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health if respite will be provided for a child (details supplied) in Dublin 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [42694/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists in each of the hospitals in the south-east area (details supplied); the criteria determining the numbers in each hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [42696/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health the details of a scheme (details supplied); the criteria for same; the way in which a person is eligible for such a scheme; the waiting list for same; the hospitals it is being operated out of; the way in which a person receives a referral; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42702/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which private sector IVF is regulated; the further plans he has in place in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42703/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health if there is funding for patients approved for the medicinal cannabis access programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [42704/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential care places in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the number of persons on the waiting list for residential care in the counties; the length of time they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42707/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the model of care for eating disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [42713/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health if 2018 funding for the model of care for eating disorders has been drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [42714/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health when 2019 funding for the model of care for eating disorders has been drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [42715/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health the details of Budget 2020 funding for the national drugs strategy; the increase relative to 2019; if additional funding is to be provided in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [42716/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €1 billion increase in health funding announced in Budget 2020; the amount which stems from the supplementary in 2019; the amount which provides for the existing level of service; the amount provided for demographics; the amount which relates to increased pay for staff; and the amount which is for new and expanded services. — Stephen Donnelly. [42720/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid out by the HSE for legal or expert fees between 2014 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the external firms used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [42722/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons waiting for home support hours in counties Cavan and Monaghan. — Niamh Smyth. [42725/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment. — Pat Deering. [42727/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reconsider the need for a ban on self-serve cigarette vending machines (details supplied); his views on the impact of such a ban on small businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42734/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health if a regulatory impact assessment to review the potential effects of introducing an unnecessary ban on already age restricted self-serve cigarette vending machines will be carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42735/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to the appointment of a consultant oncologist with specialist knowledge of sarcoma; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42742/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health if the full 75 beds planned to be opened under the winter plan 2018/2019 were opened; and if they are still opened on a full-time basis. — Louise O'Reilly. [42758/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for home support by location in tabular form; and the estimated total hours needed for a full year if each person waiting was to be allocated the average of 6.5 hours home support per week. — Louise O'Reilly. [42761/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health the progress being made on offering the FreeStyle Libre device to diabetic patients over 21 years of age for free; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [42762/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health the cost in 2018 of providing blood glucose testing strips and basic glucose meters to all diabetes sufferers under the long term illness scheme; and the way in which this would compare to the cost of rolling out FreeStyle Libre or other electronic monitoring systems. — Louise O'Reilly. [42763/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing electronic blood glucose monitoring systems, such as FreeStyle Libre, to all diabetes sufferers under the long term illness scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [42764/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [42767/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of letters and or emails from a person (details supplied) to him on 10 June 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42768/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of letters and or emails from him to a person (details supplied) on 23 May 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42769/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of letters, emails and or briefings from a person (details supplied) to a person on 1 May 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42770/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of letters and or emails from a person (details supplied) to a person on 30 April 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42771/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of letters and or emails from a person (details supplied) to a person on 24 April 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42772/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of letters and or emails from a person (details supplied) to a person on 5 April 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42773/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of letters and or emails from a person (details supplied) to a person on 4 April 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42774/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of letters and or emails from a person (details supplied) to the HSE on 2 April 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42775/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of letters and or emails from a person (details supplied) to HSE on 1 April 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42776/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of letters and or emails from a person (details supplied) to a person on 15 November 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [42777/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide all correspondence between him and or his office and or his advisers and or the Secretary General and or the office of the Secretary General and the Departments of Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform in September and to 10 October 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42784/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital bed will be provided to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [42791/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that persons here suffering with MS will have the same access to medication as persons in Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [42814/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Health the funding drawn down by the national treatment purchase fund in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; the amount of funding in each year spent in procuring services from private healthcare providers; and the amount spent in the public system in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [42819/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Health if a new hospital bed will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42820/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Health the average time for the commencement of the payment of pension following retirement of staff within the HSE; the number of applicants that have to wait three months or longer for payment of their pension; the number of pension applications currently in arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [42829/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Health if persons qualifying under the long term illness scheme are eligible for workplace programmes and training courses even if they are drawing credits rather than receiving a social welfare payment; the supports available for persons within this category to assist them in returning to the labour market in circumstances in which this is possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [42830/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Health if the FreeStyle Libre device for diabetes will be added to the long term illness scheme. — Dara Calleary. [42832/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Health when an approved home support package will be put in place for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [42838/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outside consultant contracts awarded under the national children’s hospital in each year since commencement; the consultant which was ultimately awarded the contract; the final cost of the contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42857/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Health the number of capital projects that cost €100 million or more in the past five years; the cost of outside consultants for each of the projects costing €100 million or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42870/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Health the number of capital projects anticipated to commence in the next five years that cost €100 million or more; the expected cost of external consultants for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42886/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have access to the drug rephtha restored to reimbursement in view of the fact that their dependency on the drug for the past number of years and whose loss of access to the drug will cause extreme pain, discomfort and anxiety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42899/19]

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

*237. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons in counties Cavan, Monaghan and nationwide waiting on farm payments; the type of payment they are waiting on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42631/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) detailing the sale of an Irish greyhound to China; the action he and the Irish Greyhound Board will take; the route of export of the dog from Ireland to China; and if efforts will be made to repatriate the animal and the 50 other Irish greyhounds now in China in view of the deplorable animal welfare record of China. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42691/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the restrictions in place for the movement of offal from meat processing plants for cattle over 30 months of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [42765/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if third parties including meat processors have access to the CMMS system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [42766/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a copy of all correspondence his Department had with the European Commission in July 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42787/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 211 of 10 October 2019, the outcome of the investigation carried out by his Department at the farm as reported (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [42807/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a decision was never made on licences (details supplied) in over twenty years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [42810/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason there are so many licenced shellfish areas which are unused (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [42811/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason licences (details supplied) have active mussel licences despite being unused for years. — Michael Collins. [42812/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the policy with regard to unused aquaculture licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [42813/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a farm payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42818/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the agencies and organisations represented at the recent beef taskforce meeting; the issues discussed; the outcome of such discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [42828/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of full and part-time staff working respectively in the dedicated market access unit established within the meat and milk policy division by staff grade in tabular form; and the annual cost of the unit including staffing costs. — Charlie McConalogue. [42847/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the annual capital funding provided to an organisation (details supplied); and his plans to provide capital funding in 2020. — Charlie McConalogue. [42849/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount granted to animal welfare charities in each year since the enactment of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 in tabular form; and the charities in receipt of such funding on an annual basis. — Charlie McConalogue. [42850/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the Budget 2020 allocations to the continuous cover forestry scheme, the neighbourwood scheme and the woodland environmental fund. — Jackie Cahill. [42858/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of capital projects that cost €100 million or more in the past five years; the cost of outside consultants for each of the projects costing €100 million or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42860/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of capital projects anticipated to commence in the next five years that cost €100 million or more; the expected cost of external consultants for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42876/19]

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

*255. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that orders placed for many electric cars now cannot be met until the first quarter of 2020 due to the fact the cars are not available (details supplied); if he will consider extending the deadline for the drawdown of the grant accordingly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42662/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on a recent claim by a wireless broadband operator that almost half of the premises included in the National Broadband Plan can now be serviced by microwave or wireless broadband. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42684/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the stage his Department is at in reviewing the 130 responses to the public consultation on the National Broadband Plan; if this process needs to be completed before the contract for the NNP is signed; when he expects the public consultation process to fully conclude; when he expects the contract to be signed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42854/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of outside consultant contracts awarded under the National Broadband Plan in each year since commencement; the consultant which was ultimately awarded the contract; the final cost of the contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42856/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of capital projects that cost €100 million or more in the past five years; the cost of outside consultants for each of the projects costing €100 million or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42863/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of capital projects anticipated to commence in the next five years that cost €100 million or more; the expected cost of external consultants for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42879/19]

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

*261. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he is satisfied that the new runway at Dublin Airport will provide enough take off run available for wide body aircraft in the global civilian fleet operating on long haul and ultra-long haul routes. — Marc MacSharry. [42667/19]

*262. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he is satisfied that the new runway at Dublin Airport will provide enough take off run available for wide body aircraft in the global civilian fleet operating on long haul and ultra-long haul routes, operating at their maximum take-off weight, even in typical Irish weather of low atmospheric pressure and wet conditions, for example, a wet runway. — Marc MacSharry. [42668/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether the displaced threshold on the new runway at Dublin Airport will interfere with the ability of all wide body aircraft currently in the global civilian fleet operating on long haul and ultra-long haul routes to land, operating at their maximum landing weight, even in typical Irish weather of low atmospheric pressure and wet conditions, for example, a wet runway. — Marc MacSharry. [42669/19]

*264. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he is satisfied that all wide body aircraft currently in the global civilian fleet operating on long haul and ultra-long haul routes will be able to return in an emergency shortly after take-off to the new runway 10L/28R at their maximum landing or take-off weight. — Marc MacSharry. [42670/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the landing distance available on the new runway at Dublin Airport (details supplied). — Marc MacSharry. [42671/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the landing distance available on the existing runway at Dublin Airport (details supplied). — Marc MacSharry. [42672/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether the proposed reduction in rapid exits from four to two on the new runway 10L/28R will have an impact on the operational efficiency of the new airport. — Marc MacSharry. [42673/19]

*268. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider funding for the east-west link which is urgently needed in the north-east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42679/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the establishment of a bus shelter at a bus stop (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [42709/19]

*270. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the establishment of a bus shelter at a bus stop (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [42710/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of persons to date on waiting lists for driver tests in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath; the length of time they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42711/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding under the sports capital programme 2020 or 2021 will allow professional football clubs to apply for regional level funding for the development of new stands at football stadiums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [42721/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be granted to a local authority (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42729/19]

*274. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider funding for the extension of the M3 motorway to Cavan town and the east-west link which are urgently needed in the north-east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42738/19]

*275. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the tendering process for the Macroom bypass project; and the date by which this contract will be awarded. — Aindrias Moynihan. [42739/19]

*276. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the type of tendering process that is being used to select a bidder for the Macroom bypass project; and the stages involved in this type of tendering process. — Aindrias Moynihan. [42740/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the NDLS can reissue a driver licence to a person in a situation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42798/19]

*278. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has met with management of Shannon Airport recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [42840/19]

*279. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has met with the DAA recently; if so, if passenger numbers in Shannon and Cork airports were discussed; his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [42841/19]

*280. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the latest passenger figures for Shannon Airport; his views on same; his plans to increase passenger numbers to and from Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [42842/19]

*281. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of capital projects that cost €100 million or more in the past five years; the cost of outside consultants for each of the projects costing €100 million or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42875/19]

*282. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of capital projects anticipated to commence in the next five years that cost €100 million or more; the expected cost of external consultants for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42891/19]

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

*283. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the considerable inconvenience that has been caused to parents by the closure of a facility (details supplied). — Anne Rabbitte. [42664/19]

*284. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if additional supports are being offered to parents affected by the closure of a facility (details supplied). — Anne Rabbitte. [42665/19]

*285. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason for the closure of a facility (details supplied). — Anne Rabbitte. [42666/19]

*286. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been brought to plans to sell a site (details supplied) in County Cork; the services currently provided at the centre funded by her Department or an agency under her aegis such as Tusla; the amount of annual funding; if her Department has been notified of the planned closure of any of the services at the centre; if so, the alternative plans she will put in place to ensure services continue and that the staff continue to be employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42675/19]

*287. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the date by which the information and communications system needed to operate the national childcare scheme will become operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [42692/19]

*288. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a person that would have been eligible for old childcare subvention schemes such as the CETS scheme but did not enrol in advance of 2019 will still be able to enrol for the CETS scheme and level of funding; and if this parent is only eligible for the national childcare scheme rate of subsidy. — Anne Rabbitte. [42693/19]

*289. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of unsolicited complaints of child abuse made to an organisation (details supplied) between January 2018 and to date in 2019; if such complaints related to historical cases or present day; if Tusla was informed of each

complaint; the way in which such complaints were managed; if this process was within the bounds of child safeguarding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [42717/19]

*290. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of unsolicited complaints of child abuse an organisation (details supplied) passed on to Tusla between January 2018 and to date in 2019; if the relevant officials in Tusla have investigated such complaints to decide if they are deemed founded or unfounded; the number of complaints passed on to An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [42718/19]

*291. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if an allegation of historical child sex abuse has been deemed founded by Tusla, if it is then referred to An Garda Síochána and the DPP for further investigation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [42719/19]

*292. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 690 of 9 July 2019, the status of her plans to publish the details of these agreements in view of the significant delays that have been encountered and the serious negative impact the lack of clarity is having on those that will be administering the schemes; the timeline for the completion of the sponsorship agreements in advance of the roll out of the national childcare scheme; the status of the training for frontline staff that will be involved in the administration of the sponsorship schemes; if detailed qualifying criteria have been agreed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [42736/19]

*293. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will provide all correspondence to or from her Department with Pobal to date in 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42785/19]

*294. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when a community childcare centre (details supplied) will receive its AIM payment due for two staff members; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [42789/19]

*295. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her responsibilities with regard to the mandatory school age. — Thomas Byrne. [42824/19]

*296. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the breakdown of the increased allocation of funding provided to Tusla for 2020; if this increase will be reflected in funding dispersed to community and voluntary organisations funded under section 56 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [42836/19]

*297. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of capital projects that cost €100 million or more in the past five years; the cost of outside consultants for each of the projects costing €100 million or more; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42862/19]

*298. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of capital projects anticipated to commence in the next five years that cost €100 million or more; the expected cost of external consultants for each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42878/19]

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

*299. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will provide a copy of all correspondence to or from him and or his office and or his advisers and Pobal from 2016 to 10 October 2019 (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [42782/19]

*300. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of capital projects that cost €100 million or more in the past five years; the cost of outside consultants for each of the projects costing €100 million or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42874/19]

*301. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of capital projects anticipated to commence in the next five years that cost €100 million or more; the expected cost of external consultants for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42890/19]

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

*302. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding a claim by community employment supervisors for a pension such as a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [42697/19]

*303. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to the decision in Budget 2020 to increase the maximum number of hours a person can work and still qualify for the carer's allowance to 18.5, her plans to also increase the maximum number of hours to 18.5 in order for a person to qualify for the carer's support grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [42661/19]

*304. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a disability allowance appeal will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [42723/19]

*305. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a carer's allowance appeal will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [42724/19]

*306. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a disability allowance application will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42737/19]

*307. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for the household benefits package for a person (details supplied); and if the award will be backdated to the date of their 70th birthday. — Tom Neville. [42746/19]

*308. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will provide all correspondence between her and or his office and or her advisers and or the Secretary General and or the office of the Secretary General and the Departments of Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform in September 2019 and to 10 October 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42779/19]

*309. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) in County Donegal was not paid illness benefit on 12 October 2019, in view of

the fact their cert was posted to her Department on 4 October 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [42799/19]

*310. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42806/19]

*311. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a child benefit payment will be transferred to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [42826/19]

*312. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the allocation in 2020 to a scheme if operationalised following the announcement in Budget 2020 of the introduction of a short-time work support scheme to support vulnerable jobs from the impact of Brexit. — Robert Troy. [42835/19]

*313. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the role in the pre-budget period of the social inclusion unit; if the unit is consulted as part of the Budget process; if an assessment is carried out by the unit in advance of the impact of Budget proposals on poverty levels; and the reason Budget 2020 was not poverty proofed. — Róisín Shortall. [42859/19]

*314. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of capital projects that cost €100 million or more in the past five years; the cost of outside consultants for each of the projects costing €100 million or more; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42867/19]

*315. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of capital projects anticipated to commence in the next five years that cost €100 million or more; the expected cost of external consultants for each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42883/19]

*316. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which her Department can assist towards emergency rent support in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42895/19]

*317. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can qualify for higher education grants or the back to education allowance in view of the fact that they have already undertaken private courses and are unable to progress further due to costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42896/19]

*318. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if approval for carer’s benefit continues in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42897/19]

*319. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when payment of disability allowance will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42898/19]

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

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when legislation will be changed to allow tenants purchase their homes under the tenant purchase scheme when their only income is social welfare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [42628/19]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding outstanding to Dublin City Council for projects; and the details and periods for which this funding is outstanding. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [42629/19]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons in emergency accommodation in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42682/19]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons registered homeless by county in tabular form; when they were registered as homeless; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42701/19]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if additional staffing resources have been requested for the HAP shared services centre section in Limerick; if his attention has been drawn to a substantial backlog of up to 10 weeks in processing payments to landlords from submission to receipt of payment; his plans to address the backlog by providing additional resources; when this will occur; the additional homeless measures being undertaken to mitigate the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [42744/19]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the budget provided for the HAP shared services centre for 2019; the amount drawn down; the estimated but not as yet approved for payment amount; if there is a shortfall, the way in which this will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [42748/19]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will provide all correspondence between him and or his office and or his advisers and or the Secretary General and or the office of the Secretary General and the Departments of Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform in September 2019 and to 10 October 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42778/19]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the percentage of planning appeals made against local authority decisions to An Bord Pleanála that are decided within the four month statutory guideline; the steps he plans to take to increase this percentage including through new legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42792/19]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to change the law to ensure that the identity of all those lodging appeals to An Bord Pleanála can be clearly identified and that appeals in which there is no verification that the person exists at the address given can be automatically rejected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42793/19]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the percentage of appeals relating to non-residential properties in the past two years by province in which a decision of grant by the local authority was changed to a refusal, a decision of refusal was changed to grant

and in which the decision stayed the same, respectively; his plans to change the law in relation to the operation of An Bord Pleanála based on the evidence of these statistics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42794/19]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to change the law to ensure that a person that has an authorised development can apply for retention planning even in cases in which an environmental screening or appropriate assessment would have been required if planning for the unauthorised development had been applied for in the first case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42796/19]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a circular has issued to local authorities directing them not to build local authority housing in small villages and towns in sparsely populated rural areas such as CLÁR areas due to the fact they would be too car dependent particularly in circumstances in which there is a demand for such housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42797/19]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there is a provision in legislation to allow for persons that owned a home previously but no longer own it due to a marital separation, to avail of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan or the help-to-buy-incentive; if not, if such changes to these schemes are being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [42802/19]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when an affordable housing scheme will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [42803/19]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the detail of requests from local authorities for additional resources and staff to deal with the enforcement of the new short-term letting regulations; the amount granted to each local authority; and the date from which those resources can be drawn down in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [42817/19]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of capital projects that cost €100 million or more in the past five years; the cost of outside consultants for each of the projects costing €100 million or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42871/19]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of capital projects anticipated to commence in the next five years that cost €100 million or more; the expected cost of external consultants for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42887/19]

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

*337. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the actions being undertaken or planned by her Department in protecting native Irish species which may be currently under threat. — Robert Troy. [42677/19]

*338. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will provide a copy of all correspondence between her and or her office and or her advisers and the National Parks and Wildlife Service to date in 2019. — Alan Kelly. [42783/19]

*339. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an gcuirfear tuilleadh airgid ar fáil d'Údarás na Gaeltachta, más ga, chun a chinntiú nach mbeidh aon mhoill ar chur chun cinn Pháirc na Mara i gCill Chiaráin, má fhaightear cead pleanála ina leith; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42795/19]

*340. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of capital projects that cost €100 million or more in the past five years; the cost of outside consultants for each of the projects costing €100 million or more; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42864/19]

*341. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of capital projects anticipated to commence in the next five years that cost €100 million or more; the expected cost of external consultants for each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42880/19]