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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Infrastructure last met. — Joan Burton. [42284/19]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Infrastructure last met. — Brendan Howlin. [43183/19]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Infrastructure last met. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45217/19]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if climate change is covered by Cabinet committees he attends. — Micheál Martin. [43226/19]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if climate change is covered by Cabinet committees he attends. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45218/19]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he is considering new divisions in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43258/19]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he is considering new divisions in his Department. — Joan Burton. [44457/19]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to or met with the First Minister of Scotland recently. — Michael Moynihan. [43259/19]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to or met with the First Minister of Scotland recently. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45494/19]
10. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff employed in the Government Information Service; and the communications budget for 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [43185/19]
11. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff in his Department working on Brexit preparedness. — Brendan Howlin. [43186/19]
12. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff in his Department working on Brexit preparedness. — Joan Burton. [44317/19]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Social Policy and Public Services last met. — Joan Burton. [44319/19]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Security will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [44407/19]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if the Cabinet committee on Security has met recently. — Micheál Martin. [45242/19]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Security will next meet. — Joan Burton. [44455/19]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Security will next meet. — Brendan Howlin. [45466/19]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the next progress report in respect of the Programme for Partnership Government will be published. — Mary Lou McDonald. [44408/19]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with the UK Prime Minister since 29 October 2019. — Micheál Martin. [45240/19]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if meetings of Cabinet committees were held in October 2019. — Micheál Martin. [45243/19]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

21. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of specific staff allocated to each local authority affected by short-term letting regulations to implement the new rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [45192/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the information he had in relation to the failure of Irish Water and Fingal County Council to fully implement the recommendations of the March 2019 Drinking Water Audit Report in the Leixlip Water Treatment Plant prior to the alum dosing incident that resulted in a boil water notice for 615,539 persons on 21 October 2019; and the action he will take in view of the findings of the October 2019 EPA drinking Water Audit Report at the Leixlip plant that indicated the October boil water notice. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45363/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he has taken to strengthen the use of compulsory purchase powers by local authorities to acquire units for social and affordable housing purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [45193/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if incentives will be put in place to ensure that the private providers of accommodations are encouraged to keep their properties available for letting purposes and not to sell into the private market due to the fact at present no one is purchasing property to go into the business of letting in view of the fact it does not make financial sense to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45136/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will immediately fund local authorities to enable them to commence an emergency local authority house building programme of a minimum of 10,000 new builds per year on public land. — Seamus Healy. [45493/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

26. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if projects which were approved for funding under the first national taking-in-charge initiative but which were not completed will be prioritised under the new national taking-in-charge initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45228/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the cause of the recent boil water notice at the Leixlip water treatment plant was the same as that discovered by the Environmental Protection Agency in March 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45234/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans for the implementation of the recommendations of the expert group on Traveller accommodation published in July 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45235/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the criteria which will be used to allocate funding under the new national taking-in-charge initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45227/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the allocation of additional funding for Rebuilding Ireland home loan applications from County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [44687/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of applications for funding by Kildare County Council under National Development Plan 2018-2022 for developer provided infrastructure to assist in the taking-in-charge of housing estates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [44688/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of affordable homes which will be delivered in 2020; when the income eligibility criteria for such homes will be defined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45220/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on whether the Land Development Agency will become a vehicle for the privatisation of public land and will be unable to deliver the affordable and social homes needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45221/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when approval will issue to Cavan County Council in respect of the upgrading of houses under the voids programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45229/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of units anticipated to be secured through long-term lease in each of the years 2019 to 2021; the amount to be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [45197/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he is updating the current regulations on the fire safety aspects of new high-rise buildings further to the Grenfell fire in London; and the way in which the Dublin and other fire brigades are being resourced to fight fires in high-rise buildings. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45138/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of adults and children registered as homeless in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by local authority area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45233/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if appropriate regulations regarding the sale of affordable homes will be reviewed and introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45008/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties faced by tenants granted HAP in securing properties that accept the payment; if he will report on efforts to ensure HAP is a realistic option for tenants currently on local authority waiting lists in view of the difficulty in securing tenancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [45086/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of review of the electoral registration process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [44792/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on whether the board membership of the Land Development Agency will be able to provide sufficient social and affordable public housing on public lands to deal with the current crisis; his plans to appoint housing rights advocates or NGO activists to the agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45148/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will discontinue the strategic housing development scheme. — Paul Murphy. [45238/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he will announce the review of income limit eligibility for council housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [45224/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to abandon the strategic housing development legislation entirely in view of the fact that it has failed to deliver much needed affordable homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45223/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to increase the income eligibility limits for social housing particularly for areas such as counties Cavan and Monaghan in which present limits are too low; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45226/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will report on the housing first programme; the number of housing first tenancies; the locations it has been rolled out; his plans to extend it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [44983/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has undertaken an evaluation of the affordability of rent and house purchases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39048/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the estimated final average cost of an affordable home under the new affordable purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [45198/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the total expenditure over the past three years on the provision of temporary housing accommodation in lieu of local authority housing; the extent to which an audit has been carried out on a value for money basis on such expenditure as opposed to a once-off strategic capital programme to deal with the housing crisis thereby dealing with the housing issue directly as opposed to the more expensive route of engaging investors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45182/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on whether increasing numbers of individuals and families are being removed from the council lists even though their incomes fall short of allowing them to provide secure housing for themselves in view of the fact that income eligibility criteria for social housing have not been reviewed since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45222/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the marine planning and development management Bill. — Eamon Ryan. [41989/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans for an investigation into alleged planning irregularities at Wicklow County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [44791/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measures he is taking to insure the availability of affordable housing units in view of Central Bank rules and the income limits that apply to qualify for inclusion on social housing waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45149/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will reconsider his opposition to placing an obligation on platforms and letting agents to ensure all properties are compliant with new planning regulations in view of the low level of compliance with short-term letting regulations. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45236/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the powers invested in local authorities to sanction developers in relation to violations of hours of work, noise and other related matters; if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties faced by residents, particularly in areas such as North Lotts in which there are multiple large-scale developments taking place simultaneously impacting on quality of life; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [45085/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the concerns raised in two letters to him by a person (details supplied) regarding a lack of resources

available to the Residential Tenancies Board to implement and enforce the new regulations which came into force in July 2019 and the concern that the late fines for landlords that failed to register with the board were not high enough to act as a deterrent. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45237/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of children that have no family home in view of the continuing number of persons that are in homeless services; the changes of policy being considered to prevent homelessness before it becomes a reality for persons and families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [44982/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the timeframe for the review group of establishing a special purpose vehicle to enable credit union funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [45196/19]

59. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider specific measures (details supplied) to address the ongoing housing shortage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45181/19]

60. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of local authorities that have developed and activated vacant homes action plans; the statistical information his Department has on the number of vacant homes in each local authority area; the action that has been advised to local authorities in relation to homes left vacant for long periods of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [44981/19]

61. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has met with either Cavan or Monaghan County Council to discuss the social housing strategies of his Department; the housing targets for new builds in both counties for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44966/19]

62. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the review of the classification of approved housing bodies as on balance sheet by EUROSTAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [45195/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of houses acquired and or purchased by Cavan and Monaghan County Council, respectively in each of the years 2013 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44967/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will report on the work of the Seanad Reform Implementation Group and progress on implementing the recommendations. — Brendan Howlin. [43187/19]

65. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of housing units he expects to be built by each local authority in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45009/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he is considering establishing a national or regional social housing planning and construction agency in view of the slow delivery of new homes by the existing 31 local authorities. — Thomas P. Broughan. [44396/19]

67. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of homes constructed under the rapid build programme in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the reason the numbers proposed in Rebuilding Ireland are not being delivered; if efforts to provide homes on publicly owned land through rapid build will be renewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [44980/19]

68. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average cost of delivering a one, two, three and four bed social housing unit nationally and in Dublin, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [45199/19]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*69. To ask the Taoiseach the female participation and employment rates here; the corresponding EU average rates. — Robert Troy. [44212/19]

*70. To ask the Taoiseach the number of self-employed persons by gender here based on the latest national, EUROSTAT and global data; the corresponding EU rates in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [44214/19]

*71. To ask the Taoiseach the number of business births, startups, from the Business Demography statistics with some comparative EU statistics. — Robert Troy. [44213/19]

*72. To ask the Taoiseach if Israel and Palestine was discussed at the most recent EU Council meeting. — Micheál Martin. [45244/19]

*73. To ask the Taoiseach the number of financial settlements reached by his Department and statutory bodies within his remit nationally; and the number which included confidentiality clauses in each of the past five years by organisation. — Jonathan O’Brien. [44196/19]

*74. To ask the Taoiseach the number of computers in his Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [44717/19]

*75. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department will not be forced to pay additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020. — Alan Kelly. [44733/19]

*76. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to protect his Department in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade computers from an operating system (details supplied) in his Department and the agencies under his remit. — Alan Kelly. [44749/19]

*77. To ask the Taoiseach the number of full and part-time staff employed in his Department; and the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay. — Mattie McGrath. [44853/19]

*78. To ask the Taoiseach the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by his Department or bodies under his aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019. — Mattie McGrath. [45071/19]

*79. To ask the Taoiseach if the CSO has a record of the population served by existing Garda divisions nationally. — Michael McGrath. [45125/19]

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

*80. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans for an economic impact assessment of the current Withdrawal Treaty on trade and other economic metrics under the auspices of his Department and agencies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44272/19]

*81. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 17 October 2019, if further assistance will be provided to the person (details supplied) who is continuing to try to obtain documentation from his Department and is under time pressure to obtain same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [44427/19]

*82. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [44600/19]

*83. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of computers in his Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44708/19]

*84. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his Department will not be forced to pay additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44724/19]

*85. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to protect his Department in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade computers from an operating system (details supplied) in his Department and the agencies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44740/19]

*86. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of full and part-time staff employed in his Department; the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44843/19]

*87. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if consideration will be given to joint appointments of consultants and specialists within the health service to support the medical corps in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [44881/19]

*88. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of commissioning ceremonies for the Defence Forces which will occur before year end; and the date of each. — Catherine Murphy. [45000/19]

*89. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by his Department or bodies under his aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45061/19]

*90. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 33 of 24 September 2019, when works will commence on refurbishing the existing accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [45158/19]

*91. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the civilian positions which are available at Custume Barracks, Athlone; and if there is a vacancy for a painter and decorator at the facility. — Robert Troy. [45166/19]

*92. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the annual payroll and associated costs allocated to the Defence Forces which remained unspent due to the establishment number not being achieved; and if requests were made by him or the Minister for Finance for same to be reconfigured and ring-fenced for payment of military service allowances or for military capital projects, rather than being returned to the Exchequer. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45168/19]

*93. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the strength of each branch of the Defence Forces including the Naval Service Reserve; and the strength of same in each of the years since 9 March 2011 to date. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45169/19]

*94. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the strength of each branch of the Army in 1 and 2 brigades (details supplied); and the strength of each organisational structure in each of the years since October 2012 to date. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45170/19]

*95. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of members of the Defence Forces in the ordnance corps explosive ordnance disposal team; the grade of each; and the number in November 2009. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45171/19]

*96. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number in each branch of the Defence Forces by rank. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45172/19]

*97. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of personnel by grade in his Department in each of the years 2009 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45173/19]

*98. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of military police by grade in the Defence Forces; and the number in October 2009. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45174/19]

*99. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of members of the Defence Forces prescribed lariam in the past 12 months; the number prescribed the drug in each of the years 2015 to 2018; if members of the Army Ranger Wing have been prescribed the drug; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [45277/19]

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

*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has spoken with his French counterpart in relation to his initial comments regarding his reluctance to the flex-tension on the Brexit date. — Micheál Martin. [44490/19]

*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason for the delay in processing applications for foreign birth registration certificates for persons (details supplied); the timeline for completion of the processing of the applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44342/19]

*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on whether the transition period allows for sufficient time for a future trading relationship to be agreed between the EU and the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [44541/19]

*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if it still legally possible for the UK to leave the EU without a deal at the end of the transition period if the Withdrawal Agreement reached between the EU and the UK is passed in the House of Commons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [44542/19]

*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if it is the policy of Irish Aid to support health services overseas that include the provision of termination of pregnancy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44572/19]

*105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has discussed the possibility of increased violence from dissident activity from the loyalist community on the Border or in Northern Ireland due to the latest Withdrawal Treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44610/19]

*106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has discussed the increased possibility of a violent response from loyalist activists due to the recent Withdrawal Treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44611/19]

*107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of computers in his Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44712/19]

*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his Department will not be forced to pay additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44728/19]

*109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to protect his Department in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade computers from an operating system (details supplied) in his Department and the agencies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44744/19]

*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Departments that have access to data and photographs contained in the passport service data sets; the purpose for which each Department is using data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44827/19]

*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of full and part-time staff employed in his Department; the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44847/19]

*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the treatment of the Uighur population in the north-western provinces of China by the Chinese Government (details supplied); his plans to raise this at European level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [44896/19]

*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by his Department or bodies under his aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45065/19]

*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to recent large public protests in Chile and that there is opposition to the current Government and its alleged dire handling of the economy which has led to rampant inequality; his views on the fact the Chilean Government declared a state of emergency and deployed the army; if his attention has been further drawn to the scenes of police and army brutality which has led to more than 1,000 Chileans being injured and more than 100 partially blinded after being shot in the eye; and his views on these alleged human rights violations against protesters. — Seán Crowe. [45163/19]

*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland will take a leadership role against the human rights violations in Bahrain in the United Nations Human Rights Council, particularly in view of the numerous statements by him that Bahrain is one of Ireland's priorities and his own statements that he is following the issue closely and is very concerned; and if he will work to ensure a joint statement on the human rights situation in Bahrain is tabled at the next meeting of the council in March 2020. — Seán Crowe. [45164/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*116. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason for the introduction of a €175 retail export scheme threshold in view of the warning from Fáilte Ireland that at least 10,000 tourism sector jobs are at risk in a no-deal Brexit scenario; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44670/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Finance if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [44677/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Finance his views in relation to the provision of tax incentives for persons that provide accommodation for the rental market. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45372/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans for an economic impact assessment of the current Withdrawal Treaty on trade and other economic metrics under the auspices of his Department and agencies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44275/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has met the ESRI recently to discuss the economic impact of the current Withdrawal Treaty on Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44306/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is assessing independently or otherwise the economic losses that Ireland is exposed to under the current Withdrawal Treaty if it is accepted in particular its impact on east west trade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44307/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland external review report 2019; the cost of same; the firm that produced the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44330/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 220 of 16 October 2019, the position regarding the rebate available to hauliers following the recent rise in carbon tax affecting cost of fuel and operating costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [44370/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Finance when the transfer of funds to the Rainy Day Fund will commence; and when the intended €500 million will be transferred into same in the event of an orderly Brexit. — John Lahart. [44415/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners is issuing a statement of case to the Tax Appeals Commission in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); if so, when it will be shared with the Tax Appeals Commission in view of the fact the expected dates have been surpassed; the reason for the month long delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44451/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Finance the expected yield from increasing VAT on food supplements from 0% to 13.5%; the reason this policy change was not announced or included on the documentation published on Budget day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [44509/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Finance if his decision to apply VAT to food supplements will be irreversible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [44510/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures included in the Finance Bill 2019 that will result in additional revenue for the Exchequer in 2020 that were not announced on Budget day, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [44511/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to provide an updated economic impact assessment of Brexit on Ireland based on the most recent Withdrawal Agreement reached between the EU and the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [44540/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Finance if research has been carried out on the impact on budgetary changes in recent years has had on the tourism sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44544/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to ensure that the correct tax free allowance granted to a person (details supplied) who is on emergency tax basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [44599/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to review the rate of VAT applied to food supplements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44635/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Finance when legislation will be brought forward to ring-fence the extra funds taken in from the increase in carbon tax; if it will be inserted into the Finance Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [44653/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Finance if the 10% penalty for not paying local property tax that is charged on income tax returns is applied to PAYE workers; the reason for the difference between the treatment of self-employed persons and PAYE workers that have not paid the tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [44699/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of computers in his Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44711/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will not be forced to pay additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44727/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to protect his Department in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade computers from an operating system (details supplied) in his Department and the agencies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44743/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Finance the exemption of exit tax rules on investments secured from compensation payments; the circumstances in which exit tax is charged on withdrawals from investment funds and must be reclaimed from the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44778/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Finance if tax exemptions exist for persons transferring investment moneys between financial companies and whose moneys have been acquired as a result of medical compensation statements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44781/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the 13.5% VAT rate for health food supplements (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [44822/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance if persons require a public services card in order to regularise their tax liability in instances in which they are on emergency tax in a first-time employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44824/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of full and part-time staff employed in his Department; the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44846/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has issued guidance on the pay structures specifically the maximum consultancy rates per person per day that apply to organisations or persons engaged in Departmental consultancy work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44914/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost of removing USC for earnings up to €18,000. — Catherine Murphy. [44999/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by his Department or bodies under his aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45064/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that companies in the leisure sector are still receiving insurance premium increase demands considerably in excess of insurance inflation including those with no claim history; if his attention has been further drawn to the damage caused to the sector and to employment in the sector by these premium demands; and

the actions he has taken to assist business owners and employers in this regard. — Dara Calleary. [45165/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Finance if the VAT situation in relation to vitamin and mineral food supplements from 1 November 2019 will be clarified; the rationale for proposed changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [45279/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons eligible for the e-Working and home workers tax relief on expenses incurred while working from home; the number of eligible persons that made a claim under the relief in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the value of all valid claims made under this relief annually over the period by county and nationwide; the estimated value for eligible persons that did not make a claim under the relief in each year by county and nationwide in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [45290/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Finance the carbon taxes levied for various fuels under headings (details supplied) in each of the years 2010 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [45326/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of jobs supported by the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland by county and region in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45329/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Finance when further measures as proposed by the Cost of Insurance Working Group will be implemented due to the widespread concerns across sectors in relation to the prohibitive cost of insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45471/19]

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

*152. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for the former Garda station at McCurtain Street in Cork city. — Sean Sherlock. [45133/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date that construction of the wall at the graveyard on the Hill of Tara commenced; and the cost of the construction to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [45302/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has considered a proposal for a rural unused Garda station (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Dara Calleary. [44225/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of projects that a person (details supplied) was involved in including cost overruns and other relevant details; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [44366/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the public procurement contracts and projects in which a person (details supplied) was involved in their role; the final value of each project; the original estimates for each contract and project by year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44369/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a structural survey of Carndonagh courthouse, County Donegal has taken place in order to assess its condition and prioritise the type of work required in order to reopen the courthouse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44383/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a programme of remedial works for Carndonagh courthouse, Carndonagh, County Donegal has been put in place; the likely timeframe involved; the steps that have been taken to provide for an alternative to ensure that court sittings continue to be held in Carndonagh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44384/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the conservation management plan for Grianán of Aileach, County Donegal which the OPW had said it would commission in February 2017. — Pearse Doherty. [44385/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW can recruit a tour guide for Grianán of Aileach in view of the fact it is the most visited site in County Donegal. — Pearse Doherty. [44386/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there has been collaboration between the OPW, Fáilte Ireland and Donegal Tourism in promoting Grianán of Aileach as a tourist destination; and if so, the details of such work. — Pearse Doherty. [44387/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the most recent visitor numbers at each OPW site in County Donegal which are open to the public. — Pearse Doherty. [44388/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a resolution to the pension entitlements of a person (details supplied) who served in the Defence Forces and the HSE will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [44423/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW will consider dredging the Douglas River tributary of the Gale river at Derry, Listowel, County Kerry (details supplied). — Brendan Griffin. [44650/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department will not be forced to pay additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44731/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to protect his Department in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade computers from an operating system (details supplied) in his Department and the agencies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44747/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of computers in his Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44753/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will bring a document to the attention of OPW engineers and officials (details supplied) and return their observations and opinion in due course; if the OPW has given a river their attention in the past; his plans to address

the issues in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44760/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the civil service regulation (amendment) Bill will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [44763/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount collected by way of dividend from commercial semi-State companies in each of the past five years to date by amount and company in tabular form; the policy in respect of dividend payments to the Exchequer from commercial semi-State bodies; the way in which they are redistributed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44833/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of full and part-time staff employed in his Department; the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44851/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the action taken by the OPW in circumstances in which a wall which is its responsibility has fallen into the river Thonogue at Ballylooby, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44964/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if construction works on the new State Forensic Laboratory at Backweston, County Kildare has commenced; if not, when construction works will commence; and the budget allocated for same. — Catherine Murphy. [44995/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount the OPW has spent on Transaer House, Dublin Airport to date; and the date on which the OPW will and or has handed this building over to An Garda Síochána. — Catherine Murphy. [44996/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a budget was established regarding the new Kevin Street Garda station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45014/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there were investigation contracts carried out in relation to the new Kevin Street Garda station; if so, the number of such contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45015/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a pre-tender estimate was prepared in relation to the new Kevin Street Garda station; if so, the number of pre-tender estimates assembled; and if the project was fully predesigned. — Catherine Murphy. [45016/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the value of the accepted tender in relation to the new Kevin Street Garda station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45017/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date of tender regarding the new Kevin Street Garda station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45018/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the out-turn cost regarding the new Kevin Street Garda station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45019/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by his Department or bodies under his aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45069/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the level of funding issued for flood defence schemes in each county from 2009 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45083/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the meetings he has attended since his appointment in relation to the national children's hospital; the date of each meeting; the persons in attendance; the subject matter of each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45102/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of meetings he has attended since his appointment in relation to the National Broadband Plan; the date of each meeting; the persons in attendance; the subject matter of each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45104/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding will be made available without delay to ensure that remedial works can be carried out at Emyvale Garda station; the timeline for the expected completion of the works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [45264/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date he last met officials in relation to the Glanmire flood relief works. — Sean Sherlock. [45311/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the provision of flood defences for Athlone town. — Robert Troy. [45356/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the case of a person (details supplied) with the Chief State Solicitor's Office regarding the transfer of funds from a liquidated company to the former shareholder will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [45400/19]

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

*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if home tuition will be approved for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal from September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [44452/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of special school places available in an area (details supplied); the number of children waiting for a special school place in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44809/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason seasonal part-time employment is not recognised for pension purposes in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44941/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if grants are available for rural schools to provide library books for use by students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [45232/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider allowing qualified school teachers that have worked abroad to buy teacher pensions credits for their time spent abroad (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [45280/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school construction (details supplied) will proceed to tender in quarter 1 of 2020; the date on which construction will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [44191/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when his Department will commence negotiating the extension for the lease for the temporary school accommodation of a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [44192/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address concerns in relation to a registration issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44203/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a reply will issue to a query by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44204/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applications made through the skillnets stream for funding in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of successful and unsuccessful applicants in respect of funding; the amount allocated to the stream in the context of Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44210/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applications made through the springboard+ stream for funding in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of successful and unsuccessful applicants in respect of funding; the amount allocated to the stream in the context of Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44215/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason he has not made public a copy of a report prepared by his officials in relation to a school (details supplied) following a visit by his officials to the school on 11 June 2019; when he plans to make this report publicly available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44221/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the processes small schools have to go through in order to avail of improved information and communications technology equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [44234/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding will be made available to part-time students for Irish Sign Language interpretation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44238/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied) which issued to his office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44241/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a summer works application by a school (details supplied) in County Mayo has been received; if the fact that the school has not received a reply to the application to date will be acknowledged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [44266/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide more resources to a school (details supplied) to enable it to meet the clear demand for first year places for the 2020/2021 academic year; the reason a cap of 48 places has been introduced for the 2020/2021 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [44311/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applicants for the school transport scheme on route from Drogheda, County Louth to a school (details supplied) over the past five years; and the number of applications refused school transport on the route over the past five years. — Thomas Byrne. [44314/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide a schedule of online and on-street gambling companies that have participated in the skillnets programme in 2018 and to date in 2019; the return amount from learning centres due to underspends in 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44326/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide a schedule of school buildings that are not occupied by county; the duration the buildings have been unoccupied; his plans for the buildings that are not going to be occupied going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44328/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for the withdrawal of the school transport resource from a school (details supplied); if transport to the school is only provided for children with special educational needs as opposed to those attending due to mental health issues; if so, the policy this is based on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44337/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if correspondence forwarded to the school transport appeals office by a person (details supplied) on 10 September 2019 will be acknowledged and replied to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [44374/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the building project for a school (details supplied); the status of the issues in relation to the tendering process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [44403/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the payroll division will be advised of the situation of a person (details supplied); if it will provide the letter regarding the change to be applied to the point scale of the person in December 2019 for their application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44432/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which a student can be refused a SUSI grant when they are over the limit by €44 as in a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44435/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when he will provide the Ombudsman for Children with the requested measurement of routes and mileage of the distance between Quin and Ennis, County Clare and Quin and Tulla, County Clare in view of the months that have elapsed since the details were sought (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [44439/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of pupils that warrant an EAL teaching support post; if this is known among the primary allocations section of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [44459/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the discussions he has had with the HSE and the Minister for Health to ensure investigations and tests required for a school to submit an application for a special needs assistant will be provided by the required date of February 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [44464/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) is being forced into a conflict of priorities between maintaining teaching posts and complying with health and safety legislation; the reason developing schools are required to have a higher pupil teacher ratio than developed schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44492/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the criteria used to establish if a school can be resourced to meet the special educational needs of a child in view of the fact that under the eligibility criteria for school transport with special needs a child is eligible for transport in circumstances in which they are attending the nearest school that can be resourced to meet their special educational needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [44493/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the list of successful applications for the summer works scheme 2020 will be published. — Eamon Scanlon. [44495/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of the 52 children that were deemed to have satisfied the eligibility criteria for school transport with special educational needs living nearer to a mainstream school than the school they are presently attending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [44496/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the recent staffing appeal by a school (details supplied) has been denied. — Denise Mitchell. [44508/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address the situation in which many school secretaries receive no holiday pay, sick pay, occupational pension provision and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [44524/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to reform the July provision scheme for children with special needs; if the scheme will be extended to cater for children with down syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [44532/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress being made in relation to an application by a school (details supplied). — Kevin O'Keeffe. [44537/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the planned provisions of the education (miscellaneous provisions) Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44552/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding will be provided to a school (details supplied) to allow it to become a single campus school; if his Department has received applications from this school for funding for emergency works, additional accommodation, summer works and minor works; if the applications will be examined favourably; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [44562/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the specific reason for the delay in progressing a school capital project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [44582/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for the delay in the opening of a new school (details supplied); the arrangements that will be put in place to ensure the purpose built ASD units catering for 12 spaces in the school will be progressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [44583/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reserve surplus in the National Training Fund; the projected reserve surplus year on year over the next five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [44590/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason class size ratios vary; his plans to reach a ratio of 20:1 nationally; the measures he is taking to achieve same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44634/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the school building projects which are delayed; the longest at stage 2b; when a design team was appointed in each case; when a replacement design team was appointed if applicable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [44641/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress to date in advancing the talks with a union (details supplied) at the Workplace Relations Commission in relation to issues that need to be resolved concerning school secretaries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [44643/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeline of required actions to facilitate the opening of a new secondary school for the Greystones and Kilcoole area of County Wicklow by the planned date of September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [44664/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of computers in his Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44709/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department will not be forced to pay additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44725/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to protect his Department in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade computers from an operating system (details supplied) in his Department and the agencies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44741/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there has been progress on the signing of a contract for the site for the new school building for a school (details supplied); and the progress in relation to tendering. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [44765/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if extra supports for children residing in direct provision centres attending local schools will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [44770/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he is satisfied that the continued activities of institutes (details supplied) do not negatively impact on the activities of universities here; the actions he has taken to ensure same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [44817/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 82 of 25 September 2019, the date by which his Department will respond to correspondence from a person (details supplied) which remains unanswered after a month. — Thomas P. Broughan. [44818/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a decision has been made on whether to conduct a joint review of services with the HSE at a school (details supplied) following a request by the board of management of the school which was outlined in correspondence from the board to parents dated 27 September 2019. — Thomas P. Broughan. [44819/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of full and part-time staff employed in his Department; the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44844/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to review the exceptional circumstances under which school managements are free to commence or cease the procedures set out in circular 0071/2014; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that in some instances employees deemed to have a disability are being excluded from the procedures outlined in the circular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44855/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the terms and conditions of employment of teachers in the ETB sector are determined by or require his consent together with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform. — Louise O'Reilly. [44856/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a matter with regard to school transport will be addressed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44874/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for ensuring there are sufficient ASD units in Limerick city in particularly the northside of the city in view of the fact that there are no ASD units in mainstream schools for girls in this catchment area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [44893/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a SUSI application by a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [44895/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a case regarding the July provision will be examined (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [44897/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to meet and engage with representative committees (details supplied) which represent stakeholders from schools and wish to engage productively with his Department to avoid the closure of two schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [44920/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the need for a new secondary school in Midleton, County Cork has been assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [44921/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) will have an ASD unit in place for second-level students by the commencement of the 2020/2021 school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [44922/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a full-time SNA has been allocated to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44928/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44940/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a full-time SNA will be allocated for a child (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [44971/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the importance of sufficient canteen facilities being made available to third-level students undertaking courses; his further views on whether the service of food is a vital welfare issue for students; if his attention has been drawn to a situation (details supplied); the steps he will take to help resolve same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [44977/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when an application for a place in an ASD unit will be processed for a person (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [44992/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the level of funding provided through school capital programmes for each county in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45042/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of additional special needs assistants provided in each county in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45043/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the level of funding provided for the provision of ASD units in each county in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45044/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by his Department or bodies under his aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45062/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will release information to the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection in respect of a person (details supplied); and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Department has sought this information on three occasions. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [45075/19]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to ensure that there will be a place for a person (details supplied) in an ASD unit for September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [45098/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans in relation to opening an educate together primary school in Dungarvan, County Waterford; if the location is part of his commitment in the reconfiguration process; the timescale envisaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45127/19]

*264. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 222 of 15 October 2019, when the appointment of a programme manager and design team process commenced; when the process will finish; when the next stage will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [45156/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the new post-primary school on the Curragh is due to commence; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that nothing is happening with a school (details supplied). — Fiona O’Loughlin. [45157/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding an application for an extension and further accommodation at a college (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [45176/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the provision of a new secondary school in Dunshaughlin, County Meath is being considered. — Thomas Byrne. [45177/19]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a construction project at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45178/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a grant is available for a school (details supplied) to provide library books for use by students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [45230/19]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children in the Dublin 5, 13 and 17 areas that are on a waiting list to access an ASD unit. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45262/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the capital allocation for building works at a school (details supplied) in County Dublin. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45305/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an increment will be allocated to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [45320/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 90 of 4 April 2019, the progress in relation to the application for DEIS status by a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45321/19]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school building project (details supplied) in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [45361/19]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of additional ASD places for the 2020/2021 school year in a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [45404/19]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is a lengthy waiting list for secondary school places in a school (details supplied); his plans to make additional places available for the school year 2020/2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [45405/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the procedures available to a parent to have their child enrolled in secondary school for the academic year commencing September 2020, and in which it has been indicated that they have been placed on a waiting list which indicates they may never be admitted in view of the fact they are significantly down the waiting list; the remedies or solutions available to such parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [45416/19]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the compensation scheme established four years ago for persons abused as children in day schools; the number of applications made; the number that have received compensation to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [45446/19]

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

*279. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a single point of contact on migrant smuggling has been appointed as per the EU Action Plan against migrant smuggling 2015-2020. — Marc MacSharry. [44467/19]

*280. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the preventative measures in place at ports here to detect instances of migrant smuggling; and the planned changes or enhancements in view of the recent tragic death of 39 persons that travelled in a container from Bulgaria to the UK. — Marc MacSharry. [44473/19]

*281. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of staff employed to provide security checks on ships and lorries entering at each port in tabular form. — Marc MacSharry. [44474/19]

*282. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of staff employed to detect possible human smuggling at ports here in tabular form. — Marc MacSharry. [44475/19]

*283. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if staff members at ports and airports here have received training and guidance on the detection of possible migrant smuggling. — Marc MacSharry. [44478/19]

*284. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he or representatives of his Department have met with Frontex, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency to discuss measures to prevent migrant smuggling. — Marc MacSharry. [44479/19]

*285. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has discussed the increased paramilitary activity with his UK counterpart. — Micheál Martin. [45241/19]

*286. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the necessary steps for a person to access the digital audio recording of a court proceeding regarding themselves; the average wait time between application and receipt of a recording for a person; and the longest wait time from the moment of application for a request by a person in a case regarding themselves in the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [44193/19]

*287. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will consider strengthening the law to prevent the illegal or reckless use of fireworks and deal with the rise in the dangerous use of fireworks during the Halloween period. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44194/19]

*288. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of staff assigned to the Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau in each year since its establishment in 2015, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44205/19]

*289. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of times support has been sought from and provided under the drug related intimidation reporting programme since it was established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44206/19]

*290. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the breakdown of the nationality of those seeking asylum being accommodated in Mosney; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [44222/19]

*291. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the breakdown of spending under the Irish Youth Justice Service community programmes budget for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44223/19]

*292. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to address the needs of undocumented children and young persons living here; if he is considering a pathway to residency for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44236/19]

*293. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of a scoping exercise in a case (details supplied); if terms of reference regarding an inquiry have been changed; his views on the terms of reference as they were put to him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44332/19]

*294. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of legal professionals seconded to the Criminal Assets Bureau in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44389/19]

*295. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a pathway to residency will be introduced for children and young persons that are undocumented here and that wish to secure residency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44397/19]

*296. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of inspectors appointed under the drug related intimidation reporting programme to respond to the issue of drug related intimidation; the status of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [44402/19]

*297. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the cost of the direct provision system in each of the years 2014 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [44428/19]

*298. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of asylum seekers granted refugee status in each of the years 2014 to 2018; the success rate in percentage terms relative to the overall number of applications in each of these years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [44429/19]

*299. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will consider regularising the status of undocumented children and young persons here with a view to granting them residency and the right to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [44430/19]

*300. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the mediation council of Ireland will be established under the relevant mediation legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [44463/19]

*301. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the preventative measures in place at the main points of entry and exit to detect instances of migrant smuggling; and the planned changes or enhancements to same in view of the recent tragic death of 39 persons that travelled in a container from Bulgaria to the UK. — Jim O’Callaghan. [44468/19]

*302. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has met with the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport to discuss migrant smuggling and the preventative measures needed to detect same. — Jim O’Callaghan. [44469/19]

*303. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a single point of contact on migrant smuggling has been appointed as per the EU Action Plan against migrant smuggling 2015-2020. — Jim O’Callaghan. [44470/19]

*304. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons brought here under the EU relocation and the UNHCR led refugee resettlement programmes that are living in emergency reception and orientation centres; the length of time they have been living in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [44471/19]

*305. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons residing in direct accommodation that have been granted an international protection status or a permission to remain; the efforts his Department is taking to find alternative accommodation for these persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [44488/19]

*306. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the overall budget allocated for the project regarding fees paid to a consultancy in respect of the reorganisation of his Department; the sums paid to date on all aspects of same; the estimated projected costs to the conclusion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44514/19]

*307. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank that have been subject to disciplinary proceedings in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44519/19]

*308. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [44530/19]

*309. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an investigation was commenced in 2017 by OLAF, the European Anti-Fraud Office, into spending at the Garda Training College, Templemore; if so, if the investigation has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44533/19]

*310. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the impact a Court of Appeal decision (details supplied) will have on applicants whose applications were refused by him without him stating the reason the applications were insufficiently strong; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44559/19]

*311. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons being accommodated in direct provision; the length of time they have been in direct provision in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [44565/19]

*312. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the location of each direct provision centre. — Peadar Tóibín. [44605/19]

*313. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the actions being taken at each port and airport by location to detect, prevent and combat human trafficking; the funding provided for such measures in each of the past three years; if further funding has been requested; if trafficking has been detected; if so, the actions taken; the outcomes of such actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44606/19]

*314. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he discussed the 39 deaths in Essex with his counterpart in the UK; if they discussed port security on both sides of the Irish Sea; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44613/19]

*315. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on migrant routes across the EU and the UK; his further views on whether there is a need to increase security to prevent containers being used for human trafficking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44614/19]

*316. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if legislation needs to be amended to prevent Ireland from being a target for human trafficking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44615/19]

*317. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the details of each review of the incitement to hatred legislation that has been carried out or commissioned by his Department in each year since 1989; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44623/19]

*318. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which funds for the free legal aid service are distributed nationally by law centre in each of the past four years; the criteria in place to determine the distribution of funding; the precise weighting given to each criteria; the plan in

place to target resources at areas with the longest waiting times or other measures of need; and the waiting times and numbers for first and second consultations by each law centre. — Róisín Shortall. [44644/19]

*319. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which crime statistics and figures are published; if he will consider a more localised system of statistics based on post code areas within the Dublin Metropolitan Region for crime statistics and reports in view of the number of community and residential organisations that are organised in small local communities in which specific crime figures would be of benefit to them and for community vigilance in general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [44658/19]

*320. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of computers in his Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44715/19]

*321. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his Department will not be forced to pay additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44730/19]

*322. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to protect his Department in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade computers from an operating system (details supplied) in his Department and the agencies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44746/19]

*323. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda cars in use in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [44766/19]

*324. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí attached to the human trafficking investigation and coordination unit in each year since 2014, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [44784/19]

*325. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to review applications (details supplied) in view of a ruling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [44796/19]

*326. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in the Clondalkin division; the number of vacancies that exist in the division; the rank or level of the vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44802/19]

*327. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of full and part-time staff employed in his Department; the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44850/19]

*328. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount of the €265 million identified in Budget 2020 as selected capital measures to be allocated to the Military Road, Dublin 8 development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [44867/19]

*329. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the cost incurred by An Garda Síochána to pay for storage of seized vehicles in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [44868/19]

*330. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of drivers that have been caught driving while holding a mobile phone in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [44869/19]

*331. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the value of fines collected for driving while holding a mobile phone in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [44870/19]

*332. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a social support worker has been assigned to the temporary direct provision centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [44907/19]

*333. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of asylum seekers returned to Zimbabwe in each of the years 2012 to 2015. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44917/19]

*334. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí assigned to the drugs and organised crime unit in County Louth in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Gerry Adams. [44951/19]

*335. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the manner in which the national drugs strategy will be implemented across the State and in County Louth; and the agencies involved in same. — Gerry Adams. [44952/19]

*336. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount of funding allocated to implementing the national drugs strategy in County Louth. — Gerry Adams. [44953/19]

*337. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the funding allocated to agencies in County Louth which work with survivors of domestic abuse in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Gerry Adams. [44954/19]

*338. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the training given to both probationary and fully qualified members of An Garda Síochána to deal with incidences of domestic abuse. — Gerry Adams. [44955/19]

*339. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the training budget allocated to members of An Garda Síochána in relation to domestic abuse. — Gerry Adams. [44956/19]

*340. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the locations of perpetrator programmes for persons convicted of domestic abuse crimes; and the funding allocated to these programmes in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Gerry Adams. [44957/19]

*341. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the sections of the Judicial Council Act 2019 in relation to the establishment of a judicial council and a personal injuries committee will be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [44976/19]

*342. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency status of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44984/19]

*343. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank attached to each divisional roads policing unit as of 29 October 2019, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [44997/19]

*344. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda vehicles attached to each Garda collision forensic investigation unit as of 29 October 2019. — Catherine Murphy. [44998/19]

*345. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the members of An Garda Síochána currently on sick leave; if a breakdown will be provided of the details of sworn members and civilians by county and or divisions by rank of officer and grade of civilian; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45048/19]

*346. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the members of An Garda Síochána currently on sick leave due to injury and or illness that is directly attributed to the day-to-day work of An Garda Síochána; the rank of each garda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45049/19]

*347. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of outstanding cases of workplace compensation claims with An Garda Síochána by year in the past five years to date in 2019; the sum paid by way of compensation for cases settled over the same period; if the budget of his Department or An Garda Síochána incurs the settlement amount; and the contingent liability of An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45050/19]

*348. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of Emyvale Garda station further to a fire which caused extensive damage at the station; if funding will be ring-fenced for the refurbishment of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45051/19]

*349. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by his Department or bodies under his aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45068/19]

*350. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the sections and subsections of the Disability Act 2005 which remain uncommenced; and the reason in each case they have not been commenced to date. — Róisín Shortall. [45084/19]

*351. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if changes will be made to legislation to ensure that there is a clear and quick pathway to residency for up to 3,000 children and young persons growing up here undocumented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45091/19]

*352. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to change the date of 1 January 2015 in section 115A(18)(b)(i) of the Personal Insolvency Act 2012 as inserted by the Personal Insolvency (Amendment) Act 2015 in view of the fact that many borrowers have since come off long-term interest only solutions and only entered into arrears since; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45092/19]

*353. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the contract and refurbishment costs incurred to date on providing direct provision accommodation at a location (details supplied) in County Tipperary; the estimated future costs to maintain the services there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45113/19]

*354. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount of compensation awarded to families and relatives of the victims of the Dublin and Monaghan bombings; the process by which

awards can be appealed in instances in which the beneficiary deems the amount paid out to be inadequate and or unsatisfactory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [45139/19]

*355. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he is satisfied that there is sufficient legislation to deal with the use of drones to observe properties for the purposes of carrying out criminal activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [45143/19]

*356. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of naturalisation applications on hand; the number of applications by the country of each applicant; the number of applications received in respect of each country from the oldest application to 2018 and to date in 2019, by country; the length of time applications have remained in the system without a resolution; his plans to follow-up on old applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [45160/19]

*357. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the stage of legislation promised by his predecessor regulating the sale for cash of scrap and precious metals; the steps he will take to deal with the growth in the theft of catalytic converters from cars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [45188/19]

*358. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the level of funding provided to each county for youth diversion programmes in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45211/19]

*359. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí attached to the Garda commercial vehicle unit; and the number of Garda vehicles attached to the unit in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45257/19]

*360. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of additional gardaí attached to DMR north that have been trained as divisional asset profilers during 2018 and to date in 2019. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45258/19]

*361. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of short stay C visa applications awaiting a decision; and the expected waiting period from submitting an application to the decision date. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45259/19]

*362. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will address a matter regarding undocumented persons here (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45281/19]

*363. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the Garda stations not connected to the PULSE system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [45322/19]

*364. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress of the gambling control Bill; the stage it is now at; when the Bill will be enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [45323/19]

*365. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons that have received civil legal aid from the Legal Aid Board since 1 October 2018 in order to proceed with claims of discrimination under equality legislation against licensed premises; the number of cases that were successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45341/19]

*366. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of prisoners on methadone treatment in each prison nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45384/19]

*367. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the average wait time for a person going through the Garda vetting process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45386/19]

*368. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí assigned to the administrative duties of Garda vetting within An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45387/19]

*369. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps being taken to tackle the lack of regulation of immigration consultants that purport to provide legal advice to persons seeking asylum or residency here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [45470/19]

*370. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the outcome of his recent discussions with the Garda Commissioner in relation to the policing needs of the Border region in view of a range of recent deplorable incidents across the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45492/19]

*371. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a Garda unit will be established to tackle fraudulent insurance claims arising from the report by the Cost of Insurance Working Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45570/19]

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

*372. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of new business start-ups by gender in based on the latest EUROSTAT and global data here; the corresponding EU rates in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [44213/19]

*373. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans for an economic impact assessment of the current Withdrawal Treaty on trade and other economic metrics under the auspices of her Department and agencies under her remit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44268/19]

*374. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of a work visa for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [44372/19]

*375. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the actions she has taken to protect jobs at a company (details supplied); the supports which will be put in place for employees that will be made redundant; if she has spoken with the management of the company regarding the job losses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [44398/19]

*376. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the process and details of the requirement for new companies to register with the Central Register of Beneficial Ownership of companies and industrial and provident societies; if companies must register with the latter in addition to the Companies Registration Office. — Robert Troy. [44399/19]

*377. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the administrative burden associated with SMEs having to register twice with two company registers as per correspondence (details supplied); and her further views on the proposals set out with respect to registration and a direct helpline for support on the matter. — Robert Troy. [44400/19]

*378. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will report on the recent announcement by a company (details supplied) in County Cork; if she has met the company or the IDA to discuss same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44498/19]

*379. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when she was informed of the job reductions in a company (details supplied) in County Cork; if there was an early warning system in her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44499/19]

*380. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she had meetings with the IDA since a company (details supplied) announced a global review of its company in 2016; if the IDA was in contact with the company regarding same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44500/19]

*381. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the actions she has taken to protect jobs at a company (details supplied); the supports that will be put in place for employees that will be made redundant; if she has spoken with management of the company regarding the job losses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [44585/19]

*382. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the date on which her attention was first drawn to potential job losses at a company (details supplied); when the attention of her officials and the IDA were first drawn to job losses; the dates on which the company informed the IDA, her Department or her office of potential job losses being considered; the dates on which the early warning system in her Department first flagged that jobs were under threat at the company; the date of all meetings held in 2018 and to date in 2019 with either the IDA, her officials or company representatives regarding potential job losses at the company in tabular form; the actions taken from the first time the attention of her Department and the IDA was first drawn to job losses; the actions taken to mitigate this from occurring; and if the company cited global competitiveness concerns as a factor in considering the job losses. — Robert Troy. [44586/19]

*383. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the actions that she and the IDA are taking to safeguard FDI jobs here and to combat the decline of Ireland in global competitiveness following recent multinational jobs losses in counties Clare and Cork. — Robert Troy. [44587/19]

*384. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the date on which her attention was first drawn to potential job losses at a company (details supplied); when her officials and the IDA were first made aware of job losses; the dates on which the company informed the IDA, her Department or her office of potential job losses being considered; the dates on which the early warning system in her Department first flagged that jobs were under threat at the company; the date of all meetings held in 2018 and to date in 2019 with either the IDA, her officials or company representatives regarding potential job losses at the company; the actions taken from the first time her attention and the IDA was drawn to job losses; the actions taken to mitigate this from occurring; and if the company cited global competitiveness concerns as a factor in considering the job losses. — Robert Troy. [44588/19]

*385. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if in her capacity as chair of the Retail Consultation Forum, she consulted with the membership of the forum in relation to the impact the €175 retail export scheme threshold will have on the Irish retail sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44669/19]

*386. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of computers in her Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44704/19]

*387. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her Department will not be forced to pay additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44720/19]

*388. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to protect her Department in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade computers from an operating system (details supplied) in her Department and the agencies under her remit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44736/19]

*389. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of full and part-time staff employed in her Department; the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44839/19]

*390. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the way in which her Department is conducting its review of the right to disconnect; the stakeholders she has met as part of the process; the person or bodies she has engaged to carry out research on the project; when the report will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44878/19]

*391. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the support avenues available to a start-up business which will be located in rural County Westmeath and will immediately create five to ten permanent positions. — Robert Troy. [44926/19]

*392. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA visits conducted in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and in each quarter to date in 2019, by county; the number of visits to Galway city and county respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45028/19]

*393. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by her Department or bodies under her aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45057/19]

*394. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of market discovery fund grants approved. — Imelda Munster. [45094/19]

*395. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of Be Prepared grants awarded to date. — Imelda Munster. [45095/19]

*396. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of Brexit start planning vouchers awarded to date. — Imelda Munster. [45096/19]

*397. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number and value of grants awarded under the Brexit loan scheme to date. — Imelda Munster. [45097/19]

*398. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of persons employed by businesses which received support from the IDA in 2018 and to date in 2019. — Imelda Munster. [45116/19]

*399. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of persons employed by businesses which received support from Enterprise Ireland in 2018 and to date in 2019. — Imelda Munster. [45117/19]

*400. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of persons employed by businesses which received support from local enterprise offices in 2018 and to date in 2019. — Imelda Munster. [45118/19]

*401. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of persons employed by businesses which received support from Údarás na Gaeltachta in 2018 and to date in 2019. — Imelda Munster. [45119/19]

*402. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of jobs created due to supports provided by Enterprise Ireland in 2018 and to date in 2019. — Imelda Munster. [45120/19]

*403. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of jobs created due to supports provided by Údarás na Gaeltachta in 2018 and to date in 2019. — Imelda Munster. [45121/19]

*404. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of jobs created due to supports provided by local enterprise offices in 2018 and to date in 2019. — Imelda Munster. [45122/19]

*405. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of jobs created due to supports provided by the IDA 2018 and to date in 2019. — Imelda Munster. [45123/19]

*406. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps being taken by her Department and the IDA to source replacement industries further to significant recent job losses in Cork and Shannon. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45255/19]

*407. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the budget allocation and the number of participants for Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur in 2017 and 2018. — Imelda Munster. [45338/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*408. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 173 of 22 October 2019, the amount of this change that stems from increased pay and allowances; the amount owing to maintaining existing levels of service; the amount for demographic changes; the amount for the provision of new and expanded services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [44595/19]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid in legal costs to each of the top ten named legal firms representing plaintiffs in medical negligence cases in 2018; the number of cases that payments relate to in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [44813/19]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims ongoing by the State Claims Agency in relation to late diagnosis and missed diagnosis in relation to failings in the CervicalCheck screening programme; the number of cases settled; the amount paid out in claims to date; and the legal costs of the cases to date. — Michael McGrath. [44814/19]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid out by the State Claims Agency in respect of medical negligence claims for the first nine months of 2019; and the amount the agency has paid out in legal costs in respect of the pay-outs. — Michael McGrath. [44815/19]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health the carbon emissions specifications of the designs of the new national children's hospital and the new national maternity hospital. — Paul Murphy. [45314/19]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the commencement of the HSE genetics programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45590/19]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health when the review on personalised medicine will be completed; the date on which this will be available to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45589/19]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to undertake a public consultation with stakeholders on the development of the genetic healthcare strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45587/19]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a heart bypass operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [44187/19]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that the north east doctor on call is not removed from Navan, County Meath even on a temporary basis in view of the fact there are a number of alternative sites within the town that could house the unit. — Peadar Tóibín. [44188/19]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the opening of additional beds at Kenmare Community Hospital; the timeframe for the process leading to and including the opening of the beds; the planned staffing measures; the number of beds to be opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44190/19]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a surgical procedure; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44197/19]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the opening of additional beds at a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44198/19]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in establishing a health and social care advisory unit to provide him with the expert advice and support amid planned changes in public health services including Sláintecare. — Stephen Donnelly. [44199/19]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health if an outpatient appointment provided to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal at Letterkenny University Hospital will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44200/19]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health the reason women in their 50s that are in perimenopause would be refused an x-ray; the reason the 10 day rule would apply in such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [44208/19]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reimburse the drug opvido for the treatment of stage 3 melanoma cancer (details supplied); the process and associated timelines for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [44209/19]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting to see a child psychologist in County Limerick by the number of months waiting. — Maurice Quinlivan. [44211/19]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health if the embargo on the recruitment of healthcare assistants at a community hospital (details supplied) in County Kerry will be lifted to fill vacant posts and allow the return of staff on career breaks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44216/19]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health if additional staff will be recruited at a community hospital (details supplied) in County Kerry to cover annual leave and short and long-term sick leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44217/19]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health the status of and the steps he is taking towards the legalisation of access to cannabis oil under consultant prescription; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [44218/19]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health the reason bed capacity at a community hospital (details supplied) in County Kerry has reduced from 43 to 39; if additional resources will be deployed immediately to return bed capacity to 43; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44220/19]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health the availability of palliative care for children by the HSE local health office in south and north County Tipperary; the recommended locations for such palliative care for children in south and north County Tipperary in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [44224/19]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time means are taken into account when applying for the fair deal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44226/19]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health the amount provided to a company (details supplied) in funding for 2019 in respect of the provision of services and care; if the allocation of the funding is subject to a contract between the HSE and the provider in the context of service level agreements and value for money in respect of service provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44227/19]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health the status of funding not spent and or excess funding remaining at the end of the financial year in respect of a company (details supplied); if funds are

refunded back to the HSE or retained by the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44228/19]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health if a service agreement between the HSE and a service provider exists or existed in respect of a person (details supplied); if the person is fully or partially funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44229/19]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a case regarding the HSE and a service provider (details supplied); the status of the funding that was provided for a service user in 2018 and to date in 2019; if he will direct the HSE to further review the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44230/19]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health when an assessment of needs will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [44242/19]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44244/19]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health the annual cost of ensuring compliance with the smoking ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [44248/19]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 542 of 11 June 2019, when a cataract operation will be arranged for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [44249/19]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health the amount allocated for the clinical programme on eating disorders in 2018 and 2019; if the funds have been released to the HSE; and the amount spent in 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Pat Buckley. [44250/19]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new drugs that have received HSE reimbursement to date in 2019 by the anticipated budget impact of each in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44251/19]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health the volume of uptake of biosimilar prescribing under the best value biologic process by the HSE to date in 2019; the number of patients prescribed biosimilars by treatment type to date in 2019; the average savings per patient compared to the originator drugs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44252/19]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has under the best value biologic process set targets for biosimilar uptake across the designated treatment areas; if so, the targets for 2019 and 2020 in terms of both volume of prescriptions and the share of biosimilar prescriptions versus originator subscriptions for the designated treatment areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44253/19]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health the key performance indicators that have been set for the hepatitis C treatment programme; the way in which the programme evaluates its work towards the stated goal of elimination of the disease by 2026; the reporting requirements the programme adheres to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44254/19]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health the data the HSE has in terms of estimating the number of persons here with hepatitis C; the overall prevalence of hepatitis C here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44255/19]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health the spending by the HSE under the hepatitis C treatment programme in 2018 to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44256/19]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health the funding which will be made available to the patient safety advocacy service in 2020; the number of staff that will be employed; and the expected level of demand for the services it will offer. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44258/19]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to enhance multiple sclerosis services at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [44260/19]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health if there are palliative care beds for children in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44263/19]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health the recruitment plans of the HSE in 2020, particularly for healthcare assistants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [44284/19]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nursing positions being left unfilled in Limerick due to the HSE not releasing the successful and appointed nurses from other roles in order to fill the vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [44285/19]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that sections 9,11 and 13 of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 are being adhered to in full in all maternity hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44287/19]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to breaches of section 20 notifications under the Health (Regulation of Pregnancy) Act 2018 in maternity hospitals here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44288/19]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44300/19]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health when the new income thresholds for the over 70s medical card will come into force; the application process in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44304/19]

*456. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the walk-in chest x-ray service and its recent cessation at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44305/19]

*457. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent appointment with the surgical team will be scheduled in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44315/19]

*458. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE has spent €7 million on private ambulance services in the first eight months of 2019; and the expected expenditure on private ambulance services for 2019. — Paul Murphy. [44333/19]

*459. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a shortage of general practitioner availability in mid-County Louth; when a review of the contractual terms for the GMS and other publicly funded general practitioner services will be complete; the measures which will be put in place to attract general practitioners to rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [44334/19]

*460. To ask the Minister for Health if travel passes are accepted on LocalLink transport services for persons attending HSE day services; his views on whether it is acceptable for persons with disabilities having to pay €4 daily for transport in counties Sligo and Leitrim when the free travel pass is accepted on all LocalLink services in County Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [44335/19]

*461. To ask the Minister for Health when the primary health centre for Navan, County Meath will open; the towns still waiting for a primary healthcare centre to be provided; and the estimated dates for the opening of the centres. — Peadar Tóibín. [44339/19]

*462. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot obtain the repatha injection they have been receiving since 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44340/19]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the services available at community pharmacies with specific reference to a minor ailment scheme, new medicine service and the expansion of the free contraceptive scheme to be accessed via pharmacies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [44341/19]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health when a procedure will take place for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [44343/19]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health the status of salaries in the public health service (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [44345/19]

*466. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances in operation nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [44347/19]

*467. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has to wait 18 months for an operation in view of the fact their condition was diagnosed over three years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44348/19]

*468. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the decision in relation to the archive of blood spot screening cards retained without consent from 1984 to June 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44367/19]

*469. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some pharmacies including a pharmacy (details supplied) have started to charge patients for the use of blister packs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [44373/19]

*470. To ask the Minister for Health the reason County Waterford with a population of 120,000 is the only county in the south-east that does not have a primary care diabetes nurse specialist; his plans to recruit one; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [44377/19]

*471. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for an ambulance service centre to be based in south County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [44380/19]

*472. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting a long time for an appointment with a service; when an appointment will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44381/19]

*473. To ask the Minister for Health when the appointment of a permanent general practitioner post will be made to serve the patients of the Cappoquin health centre, County Waterford; the arrangements in place until a permanent position is facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [44391/19]

*474. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to support women that are in need of a smear test but that cannot avail of the service in their local health centre (details supplied); when a more permanent and reliable service will be implemented at the health centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [44392/19]

*475. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to demonstrate that special dentist training is of high priority during the implementation of the new national oral health policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [44394/19]

*476. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding which will be released for training in special care dentistry under the new national oral health policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [44395/19]

*477. To ask the Minister for Health the avenues of treatment assistance available for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44401/19]

*478. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 440 of 5 February 2019, his plans to address a waiting list for the autism services concerned; his further plans to appoint additional staff to the service; his further plans for budget increases for the services; the alternatives available for those awaiting the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44414/19]

*479. To ask the Minister for Health if he sought an allocation within Budget 2020 in order to address the crisis in Traveller mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [44417/19]

*480. To ask the Minister for Health if the ethnic identifier will be implemented across all health and mental health services and collection points and within strategy monitors and research strata; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [44418/19]

*481. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to commission a national audit of Traveller suicide and develop a national targeted suicide prevention campaign for Travellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [44419/19]

*482. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to implement a national Traveller mental health strategy with a ring-fenced budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [44420/19]

*483. To ask the Minister for Health if the provision of home support hours for a child (details supplied) in County Cork will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [44424/19]

*484. To ask the Minister for Health when an assessment of needs will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O’Rourke. [44440/19]

*485. To ask the Minister for Health when an assessment of needs will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O’Rourke. [44441/19]

*486. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether there is a shortage of healthcare assistants in the health sector; if he has met or written to the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation to discuss same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44442/19]

*487. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a HSE capital bid to redevelop adult day services formerly housed at a facility (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44444/19]

*488. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reconsider introducing a catch-up provision in the HPV vaccine programme for boys (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44446/19]

*489. To ask the Minister for Health if he will direct the HSE to carry out the tests and investigations necessary before the end of January 2020 in the case of a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that this will be necessary if a school is to make an application for a special needs assistant in February 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [44465/19]

*490. To ask the Minister for Health if a speech and language appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44472/19]

*491. To ask the Minister for Health if an organisation (details supplied) will receive funding under Sláintecare in 2020. — Louise O’Reilly. [44480/19]

*492. To ask the Minister for Health the projects which have received funding under Sláintecare to date. — Louise O’Reilly. [44481/19]

*493. To ask the Minister for Health if the diabetes education programme run by an organisation (details supplied) will be rolled out through the HSE as a nationwide diabetes education programme. — Louise O’Reilly. [44482/19]

*494. To ask the Minister for Health if the diabetes smart online programme run by an organisation (details supplied) will be rolled out through the HSE as a nationwide online diabetes programme. — Louise O’Reilly. [44483/19]

*495. To ask the Minister for Health when the report by the contraception working group will be published. — Louise O'Reilly. [44484/19]

*496. To ask the Minister for Health when a general scheme of a Bill will be prepared to legislate for safe access zones around health facilities which provide access to termination of pregnancies. — Louise O'Reilly. [44485/19]

*497. To ask the Minister for Health if an ASD service will be offered in County Roscommon in order that children in need of the service can avail of it close to home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44486/19]

*498. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44487/19]

*499. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be put on a priority list for adequate home help hours. — Brian Stanley. [44502/19]

*500. To ask the Minister for Health if emergency funding is available through his Department or the HSE for communities to purchase or replace defibrillators in their respective areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44503/19]

*501. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 205 of 4 May 2017 and 777 of 6 September 2019, the consideration being given to the issue raised (details supplied); his views on whether urgent action is required to address the issue; the timeframe for recommendations to be made in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44505/19]

*502. To ask the Minister for Health when free dental care for children under six years of age as announced in Budget 2020 will come into effect; the application process in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44506/19]

*503. To ask the Minister for Health when free general practitioner care for children under eight years of age as announced in Budget 2020 will come into effect; the application process in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44507/19]

*504. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body that authorised the cessation of deductions from the salaries of ambulance staff for unions (details supplied) which was in place for a number of years; the reason the decision was made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44515/19]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied) in the South Infirmity Victoria University Hospital, Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44518/19]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health the status of building projects (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [44520/19]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health the palliative care available in County Tipperary for children and young adults under 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44523/19]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the fact that the only CT scanner at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar has been broken since 20 October 2019 and no definite date can be given as to when it will be operational; his plans to ensure that an operational CT scanner is on site and that the second CT scanner which has been approved for the hospital is made available without further delay; and his views on whether it is acceptable that critically ill patients have to be transferred to other hospitals in order to have a CT scan carried out. — Robert Troy. [44529/19]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health if a patient (details supplied) will be transferred immediately to a suitable hospital due to the fact that the CT scanner has been inoperative at the Midlands Regional Hospital for five days. — Robert Troy. [44531/19]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be given a suitable residential placement by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [44536/19]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health the consultation he has had in 2019 with an organisation (details supplied); his views on the importance of investment in clinical research as a key priority to help achieve better outcomes for patients; his further views on the need for a public information campaign to inform persons regarding the value of health research; his further views on the role of genomics in developing personalised therapies for patients with rare or ultra-rare diseases; his policy plans in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44545/19]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the health consequences arising from the delay in implementing a nationwide smoky coal ban; when he last raised the issue directly with the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment; when he is scheduled to meet the Minister or his officials to discuss the issue; if his attention has been drawn to the recent report by the EPA on air quality here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44546/19]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health the budget received by each hospital and CHO to provide non-emergency hospital transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44549/19]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals and CHOs which could provide non-emergency hospital transport to outpatient appointments for those that cannot fund transport from their own resources; the amount spent by each hospital and CHO on providing such non-emergency hospital transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44550/19]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health the allocation for transport implemented to date under the national learning network in County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44556/19]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health the initiatives being undertaken at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore to reduce ENT outpatient waiting times; the current waiting time for an outpatient appointment at the hospital; if a reduction in waiting times has taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44557/19]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients awaiting outpatient ENT appointments in each Saolta group hospital; the length of time those patients have been waiting; the initiatives being undertaken to reduce waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44558/19]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health the reason general practitioners have had the electronic referral pathway for CT and MRI tests removed from them; his views on whether it is appropriate that patients requiring urgent scans are being referred to emergency departments; his plans to reverse this policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44560/19]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the valuable supports being provided on the ground; if funding to the service will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44561/19]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health if all the MRI scanners at Tallaght Hospital are operational; if not, the number out of operation; and the length of time it will take for the hospital to be back at full capacity. — Louise O'Reilly. [44566/19]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults with an intellectual disability in County Wexford that are on the waiting list for residential care; the average waiting time for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [44567/19]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health if the necessary funds will be made available to an organisation in order that it can provide full-time residential care to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [44568/19]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health if pay will be restored to section 39 workers in an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [44569/19]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for a MRI at Waterford University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [44573/19]

*525. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be given a date for an operation. — Pat Deering. [44574/19]

*526. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE is refusing to cover circadin 2mg for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44575/19]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44576/19]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health if his mitigation plans will be confirmed to ensure the continuity of timely supply of radioisotopes for use in diagnosis and treatment of childhood cancer in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44584/19]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 135 of 18 September 2019, the steps he will take to examine the reason the HSE has still not replied to urgent correspondence (details supplied); if same will be dealt with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [44591/19]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical data outcomes being collected for the type 2 diabetes cycle of care programme; if the data has been audited; when a report will be made available; the cost of the programme to date; if it is providing value for money; his plans to extend

same to patients with type 2 diabetes that do not have a medical card or general practitioner only visit card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44593/19]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 376 of 22 October 2019, if he has evaluated the full costings over the ten-year timeframe provided in the Sláintecare report; his views on whether the costings (details supplied) are accurate for the purposes of implementing the recommendations in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [44594/19]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44596/19]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health if the risk assessment by CORU regarding the regulation of play therapists has been completed; the stage the regulation of play therapists is at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [44604/19]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health the legislative timeline for the advancement of the human tissues Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44617/19]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health the cost per bed night for each hospital including critical care and ward beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [44619/19]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health the price paid for each procedure from the NTPF; if different prices are paid for the same procedures, for example, to different hospitals; if so, the prices in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [44620/19]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the Framework for Safe Nurse Staffing and Skill Mix in General and Specialist Medical and Surgical Care Settings in Adult Hospitals in Ireland 2018; when it will be implemented in all hospitals; if there are costs to implementing the plan; the savings which can be realised as a result of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [44621/19]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health the action he has taken on foot of issues raised in a programme (details supplied) to ensure compliance; and the findings of the formal investigations of the HSE launched in the wake of the programme. — Barry Cowen. [44624/19]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be granted permission for a career break to work abroad in accordance with HSE guidelines and practice. — Thomas P. Broughan. [44627/19]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health the number on the waiting list for assessments of need for children by CHO; and the average length of time between the date of referral and date of assessment by CHO. — Thomas P. Broughan. [44628/19]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health the number on the waiting list for initial meetings with early intervention teams for children by CHO; and the average length of time between the date of referral and date of assessment by CHO. — Thomas P. Broughan. [44629/19]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health when the national policy on adult safeguarding will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [44631/19]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting for a paediatrician appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44632/19]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health the progress on an application by a centre (details supplied) for section 39 funding; when the funding will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [44633/19]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that nine times to date in 2019 it took at least an hour for an ambulance to arrive at a life-threatening emergency in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [44636/19]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health the HIQA recommended response time for an ambulance to arrive on scene; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [44637/19]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that County Mayo had the worst response time in the country for an ambulance to arrive at a life-threatening emergency (details supplied); the steps he is taking to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [44638/19]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the response times for an ambulance to arrive at a life threatening emergency in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [44639/19]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the national guidelines for hospital parking charges. — Stephen Donnelly. [44648/19]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) regarding children that were harmed by HSE orthodontic services in the Dublin mid-Leinster region over a period of time; if he will request the HSE to engage with Tusla to immediately publish the report; if he will examine the matters contained in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44652/19]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in providing spinraza to children suffering with SMA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [44655/19]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health when children waiting for spinraza can expect to receive the drug (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [44656/19]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to local drugs and alcohol forums in each of the years 2017 to 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [44660/19]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to regional drugs and alcohol forums in each of the years 2017 to 2019 in tabular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [44661/19]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health the status of legislation regarding pharmaceutical assistants further to recent recommendations made by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [44662/19]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide training for HSE staff on genetic screening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44667/19]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of patients that will benefit from whole genome sequencing; the steps he will take to ensure the adequacy of trained professionals to provide such a service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44668/19]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [44675/19]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a report (details supplied) in relation to ambulance response times in counties Cavan and Monaghan and nationwide; his views on whether this is adequate in 2019; the steps he is taking to assist ambulance services and personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44679/19]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which response times have improved in counties Cavan and Monaghan with regard to the Programme for Partnership Government commitment to increase ambulances, EMTs and paramedics each year to improve response times; and the increase achieved in each year. — Niamh Smyth. [44681/19]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the lack of rehabilitation services for persons with a brain injury and the negative effect that this is having on the lives of persons with such injuries. — Gino Kenny. [44683/19]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health if urgent consideration will be given to a request in relation to the delivery of services by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [44689/19]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health when the final report on valporate will be published; the reason for the delay in finalising same to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [44692/19]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with representative bodies to discuss progress on recommendations in a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [44693/19]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the apparent lack of availability of official documentation regarding the licensing of a drug (details supplied) within the public sphere; his views on the need for total transparency in respect of same and the need for a possible investigation in respect of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [44694/19]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health the number of computers in the HSE that still use an operating system (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44700/19]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will not be forced to make additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44701/19]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and the HSE have a plan in place to protect themselves in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade computers from an operating system (details supplied) in his Department and agencies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44702/19]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health the number of computers in his Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44713/19]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no dedicated dietician for the adult diabetes service in the UL group hospitals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44756/19]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no diabetes self-management education for adults with type 1 diabetes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44757/19]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no insulin pump therapy for adults with type 1 diabetes in the mid-west (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44758/19]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is a four-year waiting list to be seen in a consultant led type 2 diabetes clinic (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44759/19]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive an appointment with the ASD services for counties Roscommon and Galway in particular Athenry, County Galway; and if the appointment will be expedited. — Eugene Murphy. [44764/19]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [44769/19]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health if support will be given to a school (details supplied) that has children suffering from trauma and developmental disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [44771/19]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [44775/19]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand the central remedial clinic services for children in University Hospital Waterford to the adult population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44777/19]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new entrants to the mobility allowance scheme in each of the three years preceding its suspension; the average number of recipients in each year; the number of persons exiting the scheme in each year; the cost of the scheme in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44782/19]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed; the reason for the delay for them not receiving spinraza; if their parent will be liaised with regarding

the issue in view of the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [44785/19]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health if transport will be provided for a child (details supplied) transitioning to adult services at a centre in County Carlow. — Kathleen Funchion. [44786/19]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 284 of 22 October 2019, the breakdown of time related saving of €73 million available on a once-off basis within the Health vote in 2019. — Stephen Donnelly. [44789/19]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the new building for a centre (details supplied) for children with special needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [44790/19]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body within the HSE rheumatology model of care document that has expertise in treating patients with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [44793/19]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health the specific pathways for Ehlers-Danlos syndrome patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [44794/19]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body that has the expertise to coordinate the other relevant consultant specialists needed for the care of persons with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [44795/19]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is a three-year waiting list for persons approved for aids and appliances in the mid-west region; when funding will be provided to accommodate such persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [44801/19]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed spaces available at Cherry Orchard Hospital; the number of patients that have been admitted on trolleys awaiting a bed in each month over the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44803/19]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed spaces available at St. James’s Hospital; the number of patients that have been admitted on trolleys awaiting a bed in each month over the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44804/19]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies that are open for recruitment in Cherry Orchard Hospital; the breakdown of posts available by medical profession and clinical speciality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44805/19]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies that are open for recruitment in St. James’s Hospital; the breakdown of posts available by medical profession and clinical speciality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44806/19]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed spaces available at the Linn Dara CAMHS unit in Cherry Orchard Hospital; the number of admissions and average length of stay per patient in the past five years; the waiting list for services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44810/19]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health the amount dentists charge medical card patients for extractions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44836/19]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full and part-time staff employed in his Department; the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44848/19]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health if the grade of consultant in public health medicine will be established here (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [44857/19]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent to date on MS research here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44858/19]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure an increase in the rate of children presenting for the MMR vaccination; his further plans to ensure that same is increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [44859/19]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health the status of access to spinraza for children that have spinal muscular dystrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [44865/19]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health when a homecare package will commence for a person (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [44873/19]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an admission to hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [44877/19]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to locate improved day services for children and adults with disabilities in Finglas and Ballymun, Dublin 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44879/19]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding plans to provide day services for children and adults with disabilities in a location (details supplied) in County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44880/19]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to joint appointments of consultants and specialists within the health service to support the medical corps in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [44882/19]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [44884/19]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to roll out new localised grant funding schemes through Pobal aimed at tackling and preventing drug and alcohol addiction in local communities which can and will operate and develop outside the governance of the local or regional drug and alcohol task forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [44901/19]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health if he will enable the provision of a specific medication to patients diagnosed with stage 3 melanoma cancer (details supplied). — Kevin O'Keeffe. [44904/19]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be approved for a specialised bed as recommended on medical grounds for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [44906/19]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body responsible for the provision of Wi-Fi at HSE facilities in particular in step down facilities and district hospitals. — Lisa Chambers. [44908/19]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health if home support hours will be increased for a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that the provision of four hours per week is inadequate for their needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [44910/19]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health the company contracted to provide the 40 bed modular unit for South Tipperary General Hospital; the fees paid to date for the delivery of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44911/19]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health if concerns that approximately 133 public consultant posts are being filled by doctors that are not on the specialist register will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44913/19]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that pharmacies are experiencing a shortage of certain types of medication particularly micardis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [44923/19]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to prevent medicine shortages in the event of a hard Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [44924/19]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be made available to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44925/19]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health if a full-time placement will be arranged for a person (details supplied). — Kevin O'Keeffe. [44931/19]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the critical lack of training posts for higher specialist training in psychiatry; the steps being taken to address same and the critical shortage of consultants in psychiatry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44933/19]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding will be made available to a body (details supplied) through the national doctors training and planning to help increase the number training places for higher specialist training for psychiatry. — Louise O'Reilly. [44934/19]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health if additional places for higher specialist training in psychiatry will be made available for trainee graduates in order to increase the number of consultant psychiatrists. — Louise O'Reilly. [44935/19]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health when the national clinical lead for the HSE national clinical programme for early intervention in psychosis will be appointed; and when the early intervention program will be rolled out. — Louise O'Reilly. [44938/19]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a child (details supplied) will have to wait three years before they can gain access to support services to aid in their education; the position of the child on the waiting list for support services; the estimated date for the provision of supports; the interim supports that can be provided to their parents and school in order that they can continue their education in a primary school setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44939/19]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for home help and or support in County Longford; and the number of home help hours cut per week due to staff illness or shortages in the county. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44942/19]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44948/19]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44949/19]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44950/19]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the two year wait for a person (details supplied) to see the school age team they have been referred to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [44970/19]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health if he has instructed the HSE to implement an embargo on home help recruitment and new homecare hours and extend this embargo until January 2020; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this is causing the waiting lists for those approved for home help to grow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44972/19]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health when a student (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an appointment for orthodontic treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [44993/19]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health when general practitioner services will be reinstated to full service at a centre (details supplied). — Barry Cowen. [44994/19]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health if he has sought an allocation within Budget 2020 in order to address the crisis in Traveller mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45002/19]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to implement the universal ethnic identifier across all health and mental health services and collection points and within strategy monitors and research strata; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45003/19]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to commission a national audit of Traveller suicide and develop a national targeted suicide prevention campaign for Travellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45004/19]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to implement a national Traveller mental health strategy with a ring-fenced budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45005/19]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health the status of equipment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45024/19]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the meeting requested with him by a municipal district (details supplied) regarding the home help crisis; if he will provide a date for same as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45026/19]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health if a budget was established regarding the new national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45036/19]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health if there were investigation contracts carried out in relation to the new national children's hospital; if so, the number of such contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45037/19]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health if a pre-tender estimate was prepared in relation to the new national children's hospital; if so, the number of pre-tender estimates that were assembled; and if the project was fully pre-designed. — Catherine Murphy. [45038/19]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the value of the accepted tender in relation to the new national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45039/19]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the date of tender regarding the new national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45040/19]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health the out-turn cost regarding the new national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45041/19]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to remove age restrictions associated with the provision of the FreeStyle Libre device; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [45053/19]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by his Department or bodies under his aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45066/19]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been progress in relation to ocrelizumab being made available to persons with multiple sclerosis; his plans in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45074/19]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be seen at Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45076/19]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health the meaning of the phrase, minded to approve, in relation to the drug tagrisso osimertinib; and the way in which he can address the funding issues for the drug for 2020. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [45093/19]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter in relation to home help staff that are employed by the HSE that are not receiving a travel time payment which is a statutory

entitlement due to the fact they are refusing to sign a recently amended contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [45126/19]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health if medical travel expenses are recoupable in a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45134/19]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health the reason HSE transport was withdrawn in December 2018 in a case (details supplied); the other options open to pensioners living far away but needing to get transport to respite services in a centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45135/19]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in processing a medical card review application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [45141/19]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to have a medical card application renewal processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [45142/19]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 449 of 15 October 2019, if a report (details supplied) by the HSE will be published and investigated in view of the fact an audit of 7,500 minors has now been completed; if Tusla is investigating this matter; the number of litigations active against the State in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45153/19]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no breakdown was provided as to the degree of change noted in 305 of the slides under consideration in relation to the laboratory audit of 221 cases; the further reason no breakdown was provided as to which laboratories the 305 slides came from and the degree of change that pertained to each laboratory concerned; the further reason the 38 slides which did not have changes in their original interpretation after the review; and the further reason they were not removed from the statistics provided in the laboratory breakdown in table 4. — Bríd Smith. [45155/19]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 378 of 15 October 2019, if the person will be assessed in another catchment area in order that the child will not have to wait for a child psychologist. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [45159/19]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health if medical care for women going through the menopause in recent years has been reviewed as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [45162/19]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which a situation was allowed to arise on 25 October 2019 at University Hospital Kerry, which at one stage had seven ambulances waiting to offload patients and were unable to do so due to overcapacity in the emergency department; the ambulance cover the rest of County Kerry had while these ambulances were waiting at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [45167/19]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health the course of action he has instigated to ensure that he fulfils his commitment to a follow-up meeting with the family at the heart of the National Maternity Hospital false diagnosis and abortion crisis before a review of their case is undertaken. — Peadar Tóibín. [45184/19]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to ensure that there will not be a repeat of the wrongful abortion that was carried out in the National Maternity Hospital in March 2019. — Peadar Tóibín. [45185/19]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the expert geneticist input that was used in the formulation of the abortion legislation and guidelines. — Peadar Tóibín. [45186/19]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health if all the medical notes in their entirety have been given to the family at the centre of the National Maternity Hospital false diagnosis abortion crisis. — Peadar Tóibín. [45187/19]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Maternity Patient Safety Statement for March 2019 of the National Maternity Hospital; the reason it was not published; and the implications for the hospital as a result of not publishing the statement for March 2019. — Peadar Tóibín. [45205/19]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding provided to each county under the HSE capital programme expenditure in each of the years 2016 to 2018 to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45212/19]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours provided in each county in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45213/19]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding provided to each county for mental health services in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45214/19]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding provided to each county for adult disability day services in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45215/19]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding provided to each county for adult disability residential services in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45216/19]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for reimbursement under the cross border directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [45247/19]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a school (details supplied) has been without a speech therapist since July 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [45253/19]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health the number of specialist substance abuse mental health teams in CHO9; and the locations and base of such teams. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45260/19]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant cardiologists posts at Beaumont Hospital, Dublin 9; the number of vacant posts; the length of time they have been vacant; and when these posts will be filled. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45261/19]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he proposes to implement to restore confidence in the National Drugs Strategy; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the decision making authority is being taken away from the partnership structures of the strategy and being centralised in his Department and the HSE; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that necessary consultation is not taking place with communities; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the strategy at local and regional level is perceived as being undermined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45265/19]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some general practitioners in County Limerick are charging for the taking of blood samples; the steps he will take to enforce the provisions of the Health Act 1970 to ensure that persons covered by the general medical services scheme are not being incorrectly charged for routine phlebotomy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [45268/19]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to appoint a lymphedema nurse to Letterkenny University Hospital; if not, his further plans for patients in County Donegal that require the specialist services of such a nurse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [45275/19]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a disability supports application management tool for a person (details supplied) in Dublin 9. — Denise Mitchell. [45276/19]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the HSE recruitment embargo (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45278/19]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with type 1 diabetes that had their diabetes care at University Hospital Waterford sourced to other hospitals in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45287/19]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health the protocols in place when moving paediatric diabetes patients to adult diabetes services at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45288/19]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for scans at Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [45296/19]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with mental health issues accommodated by the HSE in nursing homes and other unapproved settings outside of hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [45301/19]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the HSE has spent to date in 2019 on Healthy Ireland branding materials; the way in which the money was spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [45306/19]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health the section funding stream of the HSE that pays for Healthy Ireland branding materials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [45307/19]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the utilisation of HSE resources in providing Healthy Ireland branding materials is an effective use of scarce resources in view of the fact his Department is responsible for Healthy Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [45308/19]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department continues to recognise that physiotherapy is an autonomous health profession and that patients do not have to have a prior medical referral to access physiotherapy services in the public health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [45316/19]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in accessing spinraza in view of the fact the HSE approved the drug four months ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [45327/19]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health if he or his officials have received correspondence from a person (details supplied) in relation to spinraza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [45328/19]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to improve screening for arthritis and Down's arthropathy for children with Down's syndrome; the specialist rheumatology services available following diagnosis; the measures he is taking to address the shortage of paediatric rheumatologists and specialist nurse practitioners nationally and at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [45331/19]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a MRI scanner in Tallaght Hospital is not working; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that appointments have been outsourced; when the repairs will be carried out; the impact this will have on those waiting for MRI scans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [45334/19]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Buncrana primary care centre, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [45335/19]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons that are in receipt of a social welfare payment and hold GMS cards are being charged for routine phlebotomy services provided by their general practitioner which are required to either assist in the diagnosis of illness or the treatment of a condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [45339/19]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide adult intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorder speech and language therapist posts to cover Inishowen, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [45342/19]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the reimbursement scheme for reimbursing medical expenses for persons in Northern Ireland laid down in the Health and Childcare Support (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2019 will work in practice; and if detailed instruction can be given on the workings of the scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [45345/19]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health if further consideration will be given to a request from a local authority for a meeting (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45347/19]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health the reason charges are imposed on a person in rehab care in a public hospital following a hip replacement surgery; the reason such charges are passed to clients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [45348/19]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health his position regarding the widespread failure to implement full travel time for healthcare support assistants further to the confirmation of this legal entitlement by the HSE in August 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [45350/19]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical procedure will take place for a person (details supplied) in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [45354/19]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health the status of future services at the South Westmeath Hospice facility; and if a commitment can be given regarding the long-term future of this facility. — Robert Troy. [45355/19]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for Cork University Hospital to be assessed for cataract assessment with addresses in County Kerry; and the number of persons waiting for cataract removal in South Infirmery Cork. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45373/19]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for an outpatient assessment and procedure, respectively in University Hospital Kerry, Cork University Hospital and the South Infirmery Hospital, Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45376/19]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health the primary healthcare centres being developed in the CHO3 area; if community mental health services are included in the planning of such centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [45377/19]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health the posts in place for community dieticians in mental health, disability and primary care in each of the HSE areas; the plans in place to fill gaps in these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [45381/19]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the HSE recruitment embargo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45382/19]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the 1,000 posts for new frontline staff in the HSE primary care services announced in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45385/19]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health if all persons on methadone treatment have received screening and treatment for Hepatitis C; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45393/19]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure incurred on needle exchange services in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45394/19]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that engaged with needle exchange services in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45395/19]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the level of core funding for drugs task forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45398/19]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45413/19]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45414/19]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health when a consultant and supportive posts for mental health and intellectual disability which have been sanctioned for CHO3 will be filled; if the posts have been advertised both nationally and internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [45426/19]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 795 of 6 September 2019, if an application under the treatment abroad scheme by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if a positive result will be issued. — John McGuinness. [45429/19]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health when cannabis medication in tablet form epidiolex will be made available here in view of the decision taken by the EU to sanction its use here on 23 September 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [45430/19]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45432/19]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45433/19]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45434/19]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45435/19]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons and teenagers awaiting psychologist intervention services in counties Wicklow, Dublin, Meath and Cork; the wait time for each district; the number of staff providing services by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45436/19]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45441/19]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45442/19]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Cork can obtain assistance towards the cost of equipment. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [45447/19]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons and teenagers waiting to see a psychologist in counties Wicklow, Dublin, Meath and Cork; the wait time for each district; the number of staff providing services in tabular form; the number waiting more than 1, 6, 12 and 18 months, respectively by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45448/19]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a procedure for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45488/19]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45489/19]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards as of 31 October 2019; the number of general practitioner cards on the same date; and the number for each type of card issued on a discretionary basis on that date. — Stephen Donnelly. [45510/19]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available; the average waiting time; the number of persons awaiting placement under the scheme in each local health area in tabular form; and the length of time waiting. — Stephen Donnelly. [45511/19]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds and wards in public and voluntary acute hospitals that were closed on 31 October 2019 or the latest date on which data for validated bed closures at hospital and ward level are available in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45512/19]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges in each public and voluntary hospital at the end of October 2019; and the number to date in each in 2019, in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45513/19]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost in each public and voluntary hospital owing to delayed discharges between 1 January 2019 and 31 October 2019 or the latest date available in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45514/19]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of clinical status 1 ECHO incidents responded to by first responder in 7 minutes and 59 seconds or less for each ambulance station in each month in 2019 to the end of October 2019 or latest date available; and the percentage of clinical status 1 DELTA incidents responded to by a patient carrying vehicle in 7 minutes and 59 seconds or less in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45515/19]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients aged 75 years of age or over that experienced an emergency department wait time of more than 24 hours during October 2019; the total number to date in 2019; and the hospitals in which the wait occurred. — Stephen Donnelly. [45516/19]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours being provided in each LHO area to the end of October 2019 or the latest date available; the way in which this compares to target in each LHO for the same time period; the number of persons on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45517/19]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance attendances at each emergency department nationwide in October 2019; the number of such ambulances that waited longer than 20 minutes to hand over patients, get their trolleys back and return to responding to calls; and the number that waited longer than 40, 60, 90, 120 and more than 180 minutes for same, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45518/19]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the number of spinal fusion patients waiting less than 4, 4 to 8 and more than 8 months respectively at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin and Temple Street Children's University Hospital for the end of October 2019 or the latest date available; and if he will provide the same information for other spinal patients. — Stephen Donnelly. [45519/19]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45520/19]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available; and the numbers waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45521/19]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an audiology appointment in primary care at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45522/19]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a dietetics appointment in primary care at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45523/19]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an oral health in primary care at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45524/19]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for a MRI scan in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45525/19]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45526/19]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for a MRI scan in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45527/19]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3

to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45528/19]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45529/19]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45530/19]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45531/19]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45532/19]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45533/19]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45534/19]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45535/19]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45536/19]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45537/19]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the South/South West hospital group for less

than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45538/19]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45539/19]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45540/19]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45541/19]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45542/19]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45543/19]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45544/19]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for electroencephalogram in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45545/19]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45546/19]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45547/19]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45548/19]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3

to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45549/19]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an bone scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45550/19]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45551/19]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for electroencephalogram in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45552/19]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45553/19]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45554/19]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45555/19]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45556/19]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45557/19]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45558/19]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45559/19]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45560/19]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45561/19]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the East Ireland hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45562/19]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the East Ireland hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45563/19]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45564/19]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45565/19]

*778. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 31 October 2019 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [45566/19]

*779. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff nurses employed as of 31 October 2019 or the latest date available; and the equivalent figure for the same date in 2018. — Stephen Donnelly. [45567/19]

*780. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a series of matters (details supplied). — Barry Cowen. [45571/19]

*781. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 346 of 15 October 2019, the engagement that has taken place with persons (details supplied) to date in relation to the period of engagement with the HSE; if the HSE will outline the plans in place for the provision of day services following the three-month period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45576/19]

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

*782. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if payments to a person (details supplied) under the BEAM and BEEP schemes, respectively will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [44184/19]

*783. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason not fit for human consumption would be stamped on the duplicate passport when it was not on the original passport in cases in which a horse owner loses the passport of the horse and pays €200 for a duplicate passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44186/19]

*784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when details of an overclaim will issue to farmers of a commonage (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44195/19]

*785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specifications in place for the BEEP scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [44237/19]

*786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44243/19]

*787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the grants available for a person or business to set up an orchard on their lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [44262/19]

*788. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the announcement made by a company (details supplied) in recent weeks in relation to weight limits and penalties was in breach of the agreement reached on 15 September 2019 regarding a minimum of four months notice to the farmer before changes are implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44316/19]

*789. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a full GLAS payment will be awarded to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44331/19]

*790. 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 in the media (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [44382/19]

*791. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the BEAM scheme is open to farmers that sell their cattle to a feedlot and the cattle are then slaughtered 70 days after leaving the farm; if there are exemptions for farmers supplying cattle to feedlots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44434/19]

*792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of breeding ewes in each of the years 2016 to 2018, according to the annual sheep census; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44436/19]

*793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of lambs under one year of age exported live in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the export destinations of these lambs in each year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44437/19]

*794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of lambs under one year of age slaughtered here in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44438/19]

*795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide copies of each boat licence granted for fisheries and the historic tracks of vessels when dredging for seed since 18 September 2019, in view of the ongoing wild mussel seed dredging in accordance with SI No. 464 of 2019, Sea-Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction (Mussel Seed) (Opening of Fisheries) Regulations 2019. — Eamon Ryan. [44601/19]

*796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the economic contribution that mussel seed dredging and mussel bottom grown aquaculture play in the economy; the gross and net weight tonnage processed in 2018; the tonnage exported live; and the countries to which they were exported. — Eamon Ryan. [44602/19]

*797. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is research funded or used by his Department on mussel seed and bed ecosystem services especially the role that mussel seed and mussels beds play in supporting fish stocks; and if so, if the research is taken into account in deciding on the opening or closing of a particular seed mussel site. — Eamon Ryan. [44603/19]

*798. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if correspondence (details supplied) will be reviewed; the steps he will take to ease the crisis on affected farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44673/19]

*799. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of computers in his Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44703/19]

*800. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will not be forced to pay additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44719/19]

*801. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to protect his Department in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade computers from an operating system (details supplied) in his Department and the agencies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44735/19]

*802. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the annual dividend return by Bord na gCon in each of the past 25 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44755/19]

*803. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will issue on a forestry application in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44783/19]

*804. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of full and part-time staff employed in his Department; the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44838/19]

*805. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the outcome of discussions between his officials and an association (details supplied) in relation to funding for the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [44872/19]

*806. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will be made in relation to a GLAS appeal for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [44883/19]

*807. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS appeal will be finalised for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [44890/19]

*808. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of designated agents per annum submitting a SFP or BPS on behalf of farmers each year since the reference years of 2000, 2001 and 2002, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [44905/19]

*809. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost for BSE testing on fallen animals in knackeries in each of the years 2014 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44962/19]

*810. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cases of BSE discovered in each of the years 2014 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44963/19]

*811. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal to the Agriculture Appeals Office (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44989/19]

*812. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views in relation to a series of matters regarding the forestry industry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45007/19]

*813. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by his Department or bodies under his aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45056/19]

*814. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of BEAM funding paid out to date by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45078/19]

*815. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of GLAS funding paid in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45079/19]

*816. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the procedures in his Department when dealing with invalid single and basic payment scheme applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [45161/19]

*817. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason satellite inspections are not carried out earlier in the year (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [45317/19]

*818. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has studied the average price of rent paid per hectare in County Galway; if so, the average price; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45349/19]

*819. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the support of the Irish greyhound industry; if his attention has been drawn to an ongoing report into greyhound tracks here; the position regarding the Greyhound Racing Act 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [45353/19]

*820. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1430 of 6 September 2019 and the decision to increase the eligible area of land in November 2018 backdated to 2015, the reason balancing payments for AEOS, ANC and GLAS for the period 2015 to 2018 has not issued to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [45374/19]

*821. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to a case (details supplied); if the case has been assessed and conclusions made; the steps he has taken regarding the case and the information it has provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45379/19]

*822. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of partnerships with two or more herd numbers that will receive funding under the Beef Emergency Aid Measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [45401/19]

*823. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of partnerships with one herd number that will be limited to just one payment under the Beef Emergency Aid Measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [45402/19]

*824. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the criteria applicable to BEAM will be improved in view of the likely shortfall in drawing down the full funding available for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45464/19]

*825. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a remote sensing inspection will take place for a person (details supplied) in relation to their ANC application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [45491/19]

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

*826. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount allocated to the National Broadband Plan in 2020; the amount of this which will be coming from the reserve fund of €200 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [44183/19]

*827. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount required in each of the years 2019 to 2028 and from 2029 to 2043 under the headings of projected subsidy, conditional subsidy and contingent subsidy encroachment in the context of the level of funding required for the National Development Plan 2018-2027 and the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44239/19]

*828. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the provision of a grant for local authorities towards the replacement of street lighting with energy efficient LED bulbs; and the status of an application by Westmeath County Council to the scheme. — Robert Troy. [44296/19]

*829. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of intermediate bulk containers containing diesel sludge waste dumped in County Louth in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of arrests and subsequent prosecutions made pertaining to each of the dumping incidents recorded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [44960/19]

*830. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the annual cost for clean-up and disposal of dumped intermediate bulk containers containing diesel sludge waste in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019 in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [44961/19]

*831. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the parameters for the section of Budget 2020 which proposes to provide free upgrades to lower income households to make their homes warmer, more comfortable and more energy efficient; the definition of the proposed financial outlay from the State regarding free upgrades; the definition of a lower income household; the measures proposed to make such homes warmer, more comfortable and more energy efficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45248/19]

*832. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he is satisfied that he and or his officials provided the Oireachtas Committee of Public Accounts and the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment with the most up-to-date information and mapping information in respect of recent committee hearings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44245/19]

*833. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the rationale for the approach taken in the context of the market survey update consultation regarding the National Broadband Plan mapping exercise; if his attention was drawn to the difficulties obtaining mapping and future plans by smaller internet service providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44246/19]

*834. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has undertaken the process of due diligence in respect of a person (details supplied) and their former businesses and or enterprises in the context of the National Broadband Plan; if concerns were raised during this process; if so, the way in which he and or his officials dealt with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44247/19]

*835. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 520 and 521 of 15 October 2019, the cost of the additional appointee to which he referred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [44289/19]

*836. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 520 and 521 of 15 October 2019, the specific details of the role of the additional appointee with regard to the design of certain river habitat enhancement projects on OPW drained channels that have been allocated funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [44290/19]

*837. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 520 and 521 of 15 October 2019, the projects the additional appointee is working on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [44291/19]

*838. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 520 and 521 of 15 October 2019, his plans with regard to appointing a replacement for the project management officer that recently resigned from the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [44292/19]

*839. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of the 420,000 homes that have availed of the range of home retrofit schemes administered by SEAI that have changed their building energy rating as a result of work carried out under the retrofit scheme; the changes by BER rating in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44301/19]

*840. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of homes in each county that have availed of retrofit programmes (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44302/19]

*841. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of commercial property green leases that SEAI has identified that are under operation by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44303/19]

*842. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a just transition fund will be provided for Moneypoint power station to offset the move from fossil fuels and its impact on workers that lose their jobs at the station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [44324/19]

*843. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to reconsider including the Shannon liquid natural gas terminal on the EU project of common interest list; the analysis made in the context of the proposed inclusion; if he sought external advice on the matter; if so, if he will provide the advice; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44329/19]

*844. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will consider housing estates (details supplied) in County Westmeath as part of the retrofit programme allocation made in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [44375/19]

*845. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to approve the inclusion of the proposed gas terminal on the Shannon Estuary in the fourth list of projects of common interest in the absence of assessments of energy security, greenhouse gas emissions and sustainability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [44404/19]

*846. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has funded or if funds relating to National Broadband Plan funding have been directed towards a company (details supplied) in 2019; his plans for same in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44413/19]

*847. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has funded or if funds relating to the National Broadband Plan have been directed towards a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44431/19]

*848. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to award an initial percentage of National Broadband Plan funds to a company (details supplied) via another company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44453/19]

*849. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the person or body that will cover the costs associated with the remediation works at Whitestown landfill, County Wicklow including legal costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [44522/19]

*850. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the operation of the climate action fund; the date for the opening of the 2019 application process for the fund; the details of the scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44547/19]

*851. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the report from the Environmental Protection Agency Air Quality in Ireland 2018 and its specific call for the effective implementation and enforcement of the proposed nationwide smoky coal ban to reduce air pollution; the timeline for a decision in relation to fulfilling the existing commitment to introduce a smoky coal ban; his views on the comments by an organisation (details supplied) on the issue of the smoky coal ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44548/19]

*852. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if broadband connection points are to be tendered for under the National Broadband Plan; when the tendering process will commence; if a company (details supplied) is eligible to bid for the tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [44578/19]

*853. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 346 of 28 June 2019, the outcome of the meeting on 13 June 2019. — Sean Sherlock. [44580/19]

*854. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if an issue with an eircode (details supplied) will be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [44654/19]

*855. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason there are no electric vehicle fast charging points in County Cavan; if matters raised by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if consideration will be given to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44678/19]

*856. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if funding will be made available in late 2019 to SEAI to conduct energy efficiency works on homes of persons in receipt of eligible social welfare payments whose homes previously had limited works carried out under the remit of the free upgrade scheme; his views on whether a home that may have received nominal works in the past such as attic insulation would benefit greatly from full energy efficient works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [44691/19]

*857. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of computers in his Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44706/19]

*858. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his Department will not be forced to pay additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44722/19]

*859. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to protect his Department in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade computers from an operating system (details supplied) in his Department and the agencies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44738/19]

*860. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the pledges, initiatives, partnerships and funding committed to in the context of the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit 9 action areas; the nature of commitment and involvement by Ireland in each of the coalitions and multi-state initiatives established as part of the summit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [44812/19]

*861. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has met with a company (details supplied) in the context of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [44816/19]

*862. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of full and part-time staff employed in his Department; the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44841/19]

*863. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the delivery of the annual support of €75 for the disposal of medical incontinence wear for vulnerable persons to help meet the average annual cost of disposing of domestic waste; when the support will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [44860/19]

*864. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timelines and deadlines for the expanded warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [44861/19]

*865. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the retrofitting of social housing and those at risk of energy poverty under the expanded warmer homes scheme will be prioritised; his plans to ensure that delivery of same is done in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [44862/19]

*866. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding being made available to each county council to deal with incidents of illegal dumping and fly tipping in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [44863/19]

*867. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the degree to which electricity generation can depend on alternatives such as wind, solar and hydropower; the percentage of electricity being met by each of these means; his projections for the future in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [44864/19]

*868. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the provision of broadband service to an area (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44891/19]

*869. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the availability of broadband for a property (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44932/19]

*870. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the availability of fibre broadband in an area (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44945/19]

*871. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the availability of fibre broadband to an area (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44947/19]

*872. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the provision of fibre broadband to an area (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44958/19]

*873. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the provision of fibre broadband to an area (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44959/19]

*874. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the broadband service being provided to person (details supplied) will be investigated; and when high speed broadband will be made available to this location. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [44973/19]

*875. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the provision of fibre broadband to an area (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44975/19]

*876. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to consider the inclusion of imported hybrid vehicles in the outdoor charge point grant scheme. — Robert Troy. [44978/19]

*877. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the availability of fibre broadband in an area (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44979/19]

*878. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the availability of fibre broadband services for an area (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44990/19]

*879. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by his Department or bodies under his aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45059/19]

*880. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the level of funding issued for SEAI grants in each county in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45080/19]

*881. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of electric vehicle charging points installed in each county in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of planned installations in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45081/19]

*882. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a reply will issue to queries raised in relation to the deep retrofit scheme by a person (details supplied). — Fergus O’Dowd. [45289/19]

*883. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of fibre broadband service to an area (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45309/19]

*884. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the cost of the roll out of the Project Stratum in view of the cost of the National Broadband Plan and the potential involvement of a company (details supplied) in both projects. — Jack Chambers. [45324/19]

*885. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if large providers have informed his Department of roll outs within the intervention area within the six month timeframe suggested in the context of the National Broadband Plan and in view of a recent decision by the Commission for Communications Regulation (details supplied); if information has been made publicly available including when products will be made available to the public; if the specified locations will be removed from the intervention area or overbuilt by a company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [45325/19]

*886. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of homes that previously received works under the better energy warmer homes schemes that have been successful for a second visit to date in 2019; the number of applications requesting a second visit to date in 2019; the criteria used to assess eligibility for a second visit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [45340/19]

*887. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of homes that previously received works under the better energy warmer homes schemes which have been successful for a second visit in 2019; the number of applications requesting a second visit in 2019; the criteria used to assess eligibility for a second visit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [45346/19]

*888. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if clarification will be provided to the comments made by An Taoiseach in Dáil Éireann on 1 October 2019 in relation to the National Broadband Plan; if a company (details supplied) challenged the maps that caused the delay at the time; the nature of the challenge made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [45572/19]

*889. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to his comments in Dáil Éireann on 15 October 2019 in relation to the National Broadband Plan, the providers or bodies that requested the extension for the deadline of submissions for the National Broadband Plan; if a company (details supplied) requested same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [45573/19]

*890. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the intervention area for the National Broadband Plan in terms of the number of premises; when the consultation process in terms of the map will terminate; if the intervention area will be less than the original estimate of 540,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [45574/19]

*891. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the value of the contingency fund for the National Broadband Plan; the amount that can be awarded to a company (details supplied) for encroachment of the intervention area; the circumstances in which an encroachment of the intervention area would trigger compensation to the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [45575/19]

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*892. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the recent decision taken by Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland not to feature greyhound racing in tourism marketing campaigns here or abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [44581/19]

*893. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider introducing new or additional signage for disabled parking bays (details supplied); and if he is considering other measures or awareness campaigns to educate the general public on differing holders of blue badges. — Robert Troy. [44659/19]

*894. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason persons with hidden disabilities are not entitled to the disabled person's parking card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45106/19]

*895. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the budgetary steps that have been taken to support the tourism sector specifically in the midlands and western region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44544/19]

*896. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of plans to construct two right turning lanes for both Croghan and Cootehall on the N4 Boyle to Carrick-on-Shannon route, County Roscommon further to the commitment by Transport Infrastructure Ireland to carry out such a project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44185/19]

*897. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to concerns raised by commuters owing to the recent changes introduced to rural bus services in Inishowen, County Donegal and routes operating between the peninsula and Letterkenny; if his attention has been further drawn to the considerable price differential which exists between rural transport services operated by LocalLink on the Malin to Cardnonagh route and the Bunrana to Carndonagh route compared to a connecting service between Carndonagh and Letterkenny which is operated by a private transport provider; the options being currently considered by his Department and the NTA with respect to the latter route with the view to reducing fares for commuters of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44240/19]

*898. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to expand the Dublin bikes scheme further; the areas of Dublin that will be included; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44286/19]

*899. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of works by the NTA in designing a new bus stop system in Mullingar, County Westmeath; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the lack of works in providing the new system is holding up the roll out of a new local link town service in the area. — Robert Troy. [44312/19]

*900. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the NTA will issue updated health and safety guidelines and declarations for board members of rural transport programmes. — Robert Troy. [44313/19]

*901. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there been a change made to a flight path above Firhouse, Dublin 24 impacting on areas including Aylesbury, Knocklyon and

Ballycullen in view of the fact there have been local complaints in relation to early morning disturbance due to increased plane traffic. — Paul Murphy. [44338/19]

*902. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a motion was passed at the Laytown and Bettystown municipal district meeting to designate the R132 Julianstown Road a national road and that this motion will be going before Meath County Council on November 7 2019; if he will consider a Ministerial Order to designate the R132 Julianstown Road a national route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [44378/19]

*903. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to move beyond the steady State investment in rail in the National Development Plan 2018-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44412/19]

*904. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the camera infrastructure in place and operational at a location (details supplied) in Cork city; if there is a live feed from the cameras available to An Garda Síochána to assist it in its work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [44416/19]

*905. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Ardee bypass project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [44443/19]

*906. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated cost of carrying out a feasibility study on reopening the railway line from Dublin to Kingscourt, County Cavan; the average cost of a rail feasibility study in general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44445/19]

*907. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the proposed Lucan Luas transport link; his views on the need for a Luas extension to Lucan in view of the gridlock that commuters living in the locality and in neighbouring areas face daily and the resulting unacceptable level of carbon emissions; if a date will be committed to for the development of the Lucan line especially in the context of climate change mitigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [44454/19]

*908. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of full-time equivalent staff vacancies at each port; and the function of each role in tabular form. — Marc MacSharry. [44476/19]

*909. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has met with the Minister for Justice and Equality to discuss migrant smuggling and the preventative measures needed to detect same. — Marc MacSharry. [44477/19]

*910. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of an application for a sports capital grant by a club (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [44501/19]

*911. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a driver licence exchange agreement between Ireland and Alberta, Canada; when a bilateral agreement for licence exchange with Alberta is likely to be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44516/19]

*912. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to increase the upper age limit for bus driver licences beyond 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44517/19]

*913. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the 2020 greenway application process will be announced; the details of changes to the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [44528/19]

*914. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the use by coach companies of the NTA provided coach park in the vicinity of a location (details supplied) on the quays in Dublin; the reason it closes at 7pm each evening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [44534/19]

*915. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the cost of the NTA coach parking facility at the quays in Dublin; the number of spaces it contains; the average number of coaches that park there each evening including weekends; the cost of parking; the operating hours from Monday to Sunday; his views on whether it represents value for money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [44535/19]

*916. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Bus Éireann has plans to erect a bus shelter at a location (details supplied) to service the large volume of persons commuting to Dublin daily to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44642/19]

*917. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will re-evaluate the need for additional capital investment to address safety needs and congestion issues on the N81 in view of the ongoing fatalities on the road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [44663/19]

*918. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the active smartertravel programme; if and when further funding calls will be made by his Department for this funding mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [44685/19]

*919. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of computers in his Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44718/19]

*920. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his Department will not be forced to pay additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44734/19]

*921. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to protect his Department in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade computers from an operating system (details supplied) in his Department and the agencies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44750/19]

*922. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a situation in which a person (details supplied) is without work due to changes to their driver licence will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [44776/19]

*923. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the review carried out by the National Transport Authority in conjunction with an association (details supplied) in relation to accessibility buses and specifically single decker buses in County Waterford and nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44780/19]

*924. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the latest south eastern line capacity study was carried out; if a copy of the report will be provided; his plans for the implementation of the plans contained in the 2011 south eastern line capacity study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [44798/19]

*925. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if consideration has been given to include Wicklow town and Arklow, County Wicklow in the short hop zone for Leap cards; if not, if such a proposal will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [44799/19]

*926. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when funding will be made available to Kerry County Council to carry out works on the Rathscannel Road, R551, Abbeydorney, County Kerry; the plans in place to have the road reopened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [44820/19]

*927. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures being taken to ensure that taxi drivers in Cork city are fully consulted regarding facilities and ranks in their area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [44830/19]

*928. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures being taken to ensure that taxi drivers in the Cork city area are protected from antisocial behaviour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [44831/19]

*929. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of full and part-time staff employed in his Department; the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44854/19]

*930. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason for the recommendation by the Commission for Aviation Regulation to reduce the passenger levy at Dublin Airport by 20%; the estimated lesser amount would the levy recoup in the period 2020 to 2024 compared to retaining the current level of passenger levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [44876/19]

*931. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he is considering proposals to allow limousines used by private hire companies to use bus lanes in the same manner as regular taxis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [44892/19]

*932. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the cost to date in 2019 regarding all aspects of BusConnects since the project was first conceived; the consultancy firms engaged; the costs and headings under which costs were incurred; the amounts of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44918/19]

*933. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of driver testers in whole-time equivalent terms allocated to each driver test centre; and the basis on which these allocations are made. — Róisín Shortall. [44919/19]

*934. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether the level of accessibility on public transport vehicles is sufficient; his plans to improve same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [44927/19]

*935. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of an application by South Dublin County Council for sports capital funding for a sports pavilion programme including the provision of a pavilion in an area (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [44929/19]

*936. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of UK driver licence holders in the wake of Brexit; if UK licences will remain valid; if there will be an amnesty to exchange such licences for an Irish version; and if plans will include provisions for asylum seekers that hold a UK licence. — Robert Troy. [44968/19]

*937. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of policy in relation to tolling on the M50 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [45010/19]

*938. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding allocated to the National Transport Authority to increase bus route capacity in Dublin in each of the years 2010 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by type of funding in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [45011/19]

*939. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of funding for traffic management measures in the four Dublin local authority areas, including funding provided by his Department to State agencies that are allocated funding that in turn fund local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [45012/19]

*940. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps that can be taken to alleviate a transport problem for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45030/19]

*941. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when financial support will be announced in relation to a sporting event (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45031/19]

*942. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the level of spending on tourism marketing in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45032/19]

*943. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding spent on sports capital programmes in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45033/19]

*944. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the intentions behind and intended implications of the European Council Directive 2017/159/EU concerning the implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [45045/19]

*945. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the range of proposed changes to be made to the existing legal and regulatory framework and requirements imposed on the fishing

industry (details supplied) under the implementation of the European Council Directive 2017/159/EU by his Department. — Brian Stanley. [45046/19]

*946. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the changes to be made in the area of protection for workers in relation to EU Council Directive 2017/159/EU (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [45047/19]

*947. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by his Department or bodies under his aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45072/19]

*948. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason fines were imposed on a company (details supplied) for failure to operate or reach agreed targets for the provision of services in Dublin city; and the breakdown in relation to the categories of driver availability, on road bus breakdown, absence, late sickness and no reason given. — Bríd Smith. [45150/19]

*949. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason in the categories provided for the imposition of fines imposed by the NTA on Dublin Bus and a company (details supplied) there are categories no reason given and other; and if the NTA can provide further information regarding same. — Bríd Smith. [45151/19]

*950. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of scheduled departures from termini that failed to operate by each company in 2018 and to date in 2019, in relation to fines imposed by the NTA on Dublin Bus and a company (details supplied) for the failure to operate schedules, services or reach agreed targets. — Bríd Smith. [45152/19]

*951. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if customers are now required to pre-book Irish Rail seats in advance of travel; and the effect this will have on free travel recipients. — Robert Troy. [45179/19]

*952. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will respond to the demands put forward by an organisation (details supplied) for inclusive public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45180/19]

*953. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a motorist with an Irish registration that has received a fine for a parking violation in Northern Ireland can be pursued for same here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45210/19]

*954. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he will next meet with the chairpersons of Tourism Ireland and Fáilte Ireland. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45263/19]

*955. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the bus services to Ashbourne and Ratoath, County Meath in terms of reliability and cost comparison with other locations equidistant from Dublin; if he is satisfied that the Bus Éireann 103 service is meeting the terms of its contract obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [45291/19]

*956. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date on which the next round of applications for the sports capital programme will commence; the date on which the current

round will cease granting to successful applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45293/19]

*957. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of funding for the N2 upgrade between the Rath roundabout and Kilmoon Cross, County Meath; the position of the project in the list of roads infrastructure priorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [45298/19]

*958. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he is taking to respond to the request by the National Transport Authority that it be given power to enforce the laws in relation to bus lane usage; if new legislation is being progressed which will give the authority the power to use automatic number plate recognition to carry out enforcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45303/19]

*959. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding commuters that wish to take their bicycles onto trains, trams and buses; his plans to ensure that greater provision can be made for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45304/19]

*960. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the engagement he has had on the provision of the north ring road in Cork city. — Sean Sherlock. [45312/19]

*961. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has considered the implications of reductions in view of the decision of the Commission for Aviation Regulation to reduce airport charges at Dublin Airport from €9.65 to €7.50 per passenger in 2020, with ongoing reductions planned through to 2024 and the impact it could have in a number of areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45351/19]

*962. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the fact that the Commission for Aviation Regulation has decided to significantly reduce airport charges at Dublin Airport further to an announcement (details supplied); his further views on whether these savings will be made at the cost of a State owned enterprise which is embarking on a major capital programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45352/19]

*963. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of sports capital applications received as part of the current programme; the number of applications that have been validated to date; the number that have been rejected; and the number under internal review by county in tabular form (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [45362/19]

*964. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the delivery and roll out date of the 41 additional carriages as announced on 30 September 2019 (details supplied); the role the NTA and Irish Rail will have in the procurement in the new stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45366/19]

*965. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the volume of capital funding allocated by Fáilte Ireland by county since 1 January 2016. — Alan Kelly. [45368/19]

*966. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a copy of all correspondence between his Department and Fáilte Ireland and or Tourism Ireland regarding promotion of the greyhound industry in 2019 will be provided. — Alan Kelly. [45369/19]

*967. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the cost and expected delivery date of the 41 new rail carriages announced for Irish Rail by him at the end of October 2019. — Alan Kelly. [45371/19]

*968. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide a copy of all communications to and from his Department with Transport Infrastructure Ireland in October, November and December 2017. — Alan Kelly. [45378/19]

*969. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he or his current or past advisers sent or received official Departmental correspondence to or from an email address that are not either Houses of the Oireachtas or Departmental; and if so, if he will provide copies of all such correspondence. — Alan Kelly. [45383/19]

*970. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when sports capital funding will be made available in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45390/19]

*971. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of UK tourists that came here in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; his plans to ensure that the number of tourists from the UK does not decrease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45391/19]

*972. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the level of funding he has requested in Budget 2020 to improve Dublin Bus services for customers in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45396/19]

*973. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of additional buses that will be provided in Dublin in 2020 resulting from Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45397/19]

*974. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the emergency vehicle breakdown and recovery plans in place in view of the traffic congestion caused by breakdowns and accidents on the M50; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45403/19]

*975. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide a copy of all correspondence between him or the secretary general of his Department, his private secretary or the assistant secretary in charge of sport or the principal officers or assistant principal officers in the sports capital section and his advisers (details supplied) from July 2019 to 31 October 2019. — Alan Kelly. [45419/19]

*976. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide a copy of all correspondence, notes, reports and briefings brought to the management board meetings and or the Ministerial management board meetings of his Department on sports capital funding since 1 January 2017. — Alan Kelly. [45420/19]

*977. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide a copy of all correspondence, notes, reports, briefings and emails between the secretary general of his Department and or the assistant secretary for sport and or the sports capital division regarding sports capital allocations from 1 January 2017. — Alan Kelly. [45421/19]

*978. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of each meeting he has had with the Minister of State with special responsibility for Tourism and Sport regarding the sports

capital programme since 1 July 2017; and the attendees, minutes and notes of each meeting to date. — Alan Kelly. [45422/19]

*979. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the extra commuter line facilities, such as, extra rail carriages recently announced are likely to come on stream; the commuter routes likely to benefit; the extra passenger capacity arising from same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45486/19]

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

*980. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans for an economic impact assessment of the current Withdrawal Treaty on trade and other economic metrics under the auspices of her Department and agencies under her remit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44269/19]

*981. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if adequate funding will be provided to an organisation (details supplied) which receives its main funding from Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [44310/19]

*982. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the date on which a report by a person (details supplied) will be furnished to her Department; if the report will be made public; if her Department has been involved in the creation of the report; if her attention has been drawn to the number of cases being investigated by the person for the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44390/19]

*983. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to practice by which crèches are charging the full fees for children that are also attending an ECCE course in their local Naíolann Gaelach and also attending a local crèche for the rest of the day which is making it more expensive for parents whose children attend a crèche part-time in order to enable them learn the Irish language than it is for those that attend full-time in circumstances in which the ECCE grant is rebated from the fees; if so, her plans to take steps to deal with same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [44466/19]

*984. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on whether there is a staffing crisis in the childcare sector; the steps she is taking to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [44513/19]

*985. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if Tusla is providing funding for the provision of counselling to persons that have raised issues with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to historic cases of abuse; if so, the funding provided to date; the number of persons in receipt of funding; the length of time into the future the funding is being provided for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44526/19]

*986. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of cases of legal action her Department has been informed of that are being taken against an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44527/19]

*987. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the fees paid to private fostering agencies by Tusla since its establishment in 2014; the names of the private agencies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44570/19]

*988. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children in the care of private fostering agencies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44571/19]

*989. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 544 of 13 November 2018, the status of quality enhancements that were promised for the 2019/2020 ECCE programme year to improve the roll out of higher capitation payments; the steps that have been taken by Pobal to address the delays in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [44645/19]

*990. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 544 of 13 November 2018, the average turnaround times for applications for ECCE higher capitation payments in Pobal in each year since the higher capitation scheme came into operation; the number of applications received each year; the number of applications approved each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [44646/19]

*991. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 544 of 13 November 2018, the number of ECCE higher capitation applications lodged in the week the application system went live in August 2019 that are still awaiting approval; the reason some of the applications are still to be approved by Pobal in cases in which applicants have provided all of the requisite documentation; if her attention has been drawn to the serious impact this delay is having on providers that are unable to pay staff; if the payments will be expedited without further delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [44647/19]

*992. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) regarding children that were harmed by HSE orthodontic services in the Dublin mid-Leinster region over a period of time; if she will request Tusla to engage with the HSE to immediately publish the report; if she will examine the matters contained in the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44651/19]

*993. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if correspondence from a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if a 5% increase in family resource centre core funding will be granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44698/19]

*994. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of computers in her Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44705/19]

*995. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her Department will not be forced to pay additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44721/19]

*996. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to protect her Department in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade computers from an operating system (details supplied) in her Department and the agencies under her remit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44737/19]

*997. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the breakdown of funding announced in Budget 2020 (details supplied); the amount allocated to each stream; the way in which funding

for each stream is to be dispensed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [44754/19]

*998. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated annual full year cost of extending the early childhood care and education scheme from 38 to 39 weeks. — Peter Burke. [44832/19]

*999. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of full and part-time staff employed in her Department; the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44840/19]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding funding for youth services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44969/19]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the level of funding provided to each city and county childcare committee in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and date in 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45034/19]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the level of early years capital funding in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45035/19]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by her Department or bodies under her aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45058/19]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of files relating to historical complaints that remain in the possession of an organisation (details supplied); the number of such files reviewed in view of requirements of the organisation under mandatory reporting; if the files have not been reviewed, when they will be reviewed and referred on to the relevant authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45129/19]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of cases relating to historical complaints that have been reported to Tusla under mandatory reporting requirements of an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45130/19]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of active investigations that have arisen from referrals to Tusla by an organisation (details supplied) relating to historical cases that have been reported since 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45131/19]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason a funding application by an organisation (details supplied) was refused to allow for an increase in support staff at the facility; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the decision to refuse the application has resulted in children that previously attended the facility no longer being able to do so owing to inadequate staffing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [45140/19]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 449 of 15 October 2019, if a report (details supplied) by the HSE will be published and investigated in view of the fact an audit of 7,500 minors has now been completed; if Tusla is investigating this matter; the number of litigations active against the State in relation to the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45154/19]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a grant is available for a school (details supplied) to provide library books for use by students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [45231/19]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the persons considered to be a competent person to conduct a fire risk assessment with regard to the fire and planning requirements for early years services reregistration and change of circumstances process (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [45246/19]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to issues existing with the management and running of a project (details supplied); if a report update on the project can be issued; and the measures being taken to resolve existing issues. — Louise O'Reilly. [45254/19]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the budget allocated to the parent and toddler grant scheme in each of the years 2016 to 2019; and the budget allocation for same in 2020. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45256/19]

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

*1013. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if further allocations of CLÁR funding will be awarded in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44202/19]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the LIS scheme is now closed to new applications in a location (details supplied) due to a 15 year application backlog; his plans to invest further in such areas to clear the backlogs on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44325/19]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when successful category 1 projects from the second call of the rural regeneration development fund will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [44512/19]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of computers in his Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44716/19]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his Department will not be forced to pay additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44732/19]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to protect his Department in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade

computers from an operating system (details supplied) in his Department and the agencies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44748/19]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of full and part-time staff employed in his Department; the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44852/19]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by his Department or bodies under his aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45070/19]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is a requirement for recipients of CLÁR funding to make the funded facility open to the general public unconditionally; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that this stipulation is preventing school boards of management from applying for such funding; and if he will review this condition in relation to applications from schools which would ensure the facility is used in the first instance by the school and thereafter by the wider community with prior agreement from the school. — Robert Troy. [45073/19]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of Leader funded projects approved in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by county in tabular form; the level of funding for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45082/19]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the development of a strategy on philanthropy; the stakeholders he has been engaging with in relation to same; if the development of such a strategy will include a public consultation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [45266/19]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he has examined enabling private applicants for Leader funding qualify for the grant aid rate of 75% for projects that fall under capital investment, investment and other supports including capital+ as is permitted for community applicants; the reason private applicants receive only 50% grant aid; if the 50% grant rate is a domestic or European rule; when the rule was first introduced; the corresponding regulation or circular for same; the estimated annual cost of adapting the current rate to 75%; and the definitions for private and community applicants. — Dara Calleary. [45332/19]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding allocated for LIS by county; and the amount claimed by county in 2019, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [45367/19]

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

*1026. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the cost of the development and implementation of the MyGov online ID system; the annual maintenance cost of same; the number of MyGov accounts created to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44494/19]

- *1027. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to companies that employ persons on 24 month contracts and terminate the contracts prior to the contact date with pension investments being paid back to employers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [44773/19]
- *1028. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will issue on a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44207/19]
- *1029. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the funding made available to the Citizens Information Board in 2019; the projected funding for the board and the National Advocacy Service for People with Disabilities in 2020; the number on waiting lists to receive support from the service; the average length of time persons are on the waiting list; the longest period a person has been waiting; and the target time to respond to requests for support by service region. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44257/19]
- *1030. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision will be reviewed on an illness benefit application in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44259/19]
- *1031. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for child benefit by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44294/19]
- *1032. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the criteria for inclusion on the free travel companion pass scheme; and if there are circumstances in which a person that is not in receipt of a suitable payment can be provided with a pass due to medical circumstances. — Robert Troy. [44295/19]
- *1033. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason the fuel allowance was not approved in the case of a person (details supplied); and if the application will be reviewed and approved. — John McGuinness. [44308/19]
- *1034. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a pension by a person (details supplied); if their pre-1979 record has been made available from Peoplepoint; if not, the reason for the delay; and if the pension due from February 2019 will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [44309/19]
- *1035. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will have their FIS entitlement re-examined as a matter of urgency. — Robert Troy. [44320/19]
- *1036. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is entitled to a hearing aid under the treatment benefit scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [44371/19]
- *1037. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44376/19]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if insurance contributions will be credited to farmers for pension purposes for the time they were in receipt of farm assist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44421/19]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the action she plans to take to ameliorate the effects of increasing fuel costs and the increased carbon taxes for Travellers living in temporary accommodation, mobile homes and caravans due to the disproportionate heating costs they face and the effect this will have on their ability to keep warm for the 2019/2020 winter season and in line with the recommendation in the MABS report Addressing Energy Poverty Among Travellers Living in Mobile Homes and Trailers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [44461/19]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to extend the fuel allowance to Traveller families that are officially sharing a bay in a halting site to assist them with their fuel costs in line with a recommendation of the MABS report Addressing Energy Poverty Among Travellers Living in Mobile Homes and Trailers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [44462/19]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied) will receive a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44497/19]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the further documentation that can be given as proof of habitual residence for a pension in view of the volume of material already submitted by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [44538/19]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when self-employed persons can access jobseeker's allowance; the way in which they can approach same; the documentation that will be needed to prove they no longer derive an income from self-employment as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [44539/19]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a fuel allowance application by a person (details supplied). — Tom Neville. [44551/19]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an increase will be made in the winter fuel allowance payment for Traveller families living in mobile homes or trailers. — Bríd Smith. [44553/19]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the winter fuel payment will be extended to Traveller families that are officially sharing accommodation. — Bríd Smith. [44554/19]

*1047. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for illness benefit in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [44577/19]

*1048. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if carer's allowance will be granted to persons that care for incapacitated children or persons; if same will be granted

automatically to carers (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [44598/19]

*1049. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if new interim arrangements in regard to the State pension (contributory) for post-2012 pensioners that allow for extended home caring credits and aggregated contributions will apply to all pensioners (details supplied); if legislation is needed in this regard; if so, when the legislation will be introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [44609/19]

*1050. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applications awaiting assessment by the medical review and assessment section in tabular form; the payments to which the applications refer; the length of time in months such persons are waiting; the counties from which the applications come; the length of time allocated for a medical review or assessment; if she is satisfied that there is an adequate number of medical assessors to undertake the assessments on hand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44618/19]

*1051. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the Social Welfare, Pensions and Civil Registration Bill 2017 will be progressed; if enabling the use of public service cards as identification for the purposes of persons opening current accounts and obtaining other services from banks or credit unions has been examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [44640/19]

*1052. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of offences recorded and or investigated regarding breaches of Schedule 5 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 regarding unspecified bodies requesting a person to produce a public services card since its introduction; the number of complaints by persons to her regarding same since the card has been introduced; if she will provide a schedule of the offending bodies and or organisations that breached Schedule 5 of the Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44657/19]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [44671/19]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if referrals to JobPath will be made in 2020. — John Brady. [44674/19]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of research being commissioned into the cost of disability as per Budget 2019; the timeframe for the report to be completed and published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [44676/19]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason full-time carers providing 365 24/7 care in a home setting are in receipt of only a half rate carer's allowance if they are in receipt of certain social welfare payments; if consideration has been given to raising this payment to full entitlement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [44680/19]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the motion passed by Dáil Éireann on 17 October 2019 condemning the decision not to

increase the minimum wage and calling for the introduction of a living wage of €12.30 per hour to be introduced in 2020; her plans to act on this motion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [44690/19]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of computers in her Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44710/19]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her Department will not be forced to pay additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44726/19]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to protect her Department in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade computers from an operating system (details supplied) in her Department and the agencies under her remit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44742/19]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision will be reviewed in relation to a carer's allowance for a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [44751/19]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she received correspondence from a company (details supplied) in relation to collective redundancies in the past two years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [44797/19]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons issued with a public services card before they were 18 years of age since the card was introduced; the process of issuing a card to a minor; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44811/19]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if joint savings in relation to a person applying for an adult dependant allowance on the State pension (contributory) of their spouse are fully assessed or if it is assessed on half basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44821/19]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason the date of 1 September 1946 was chosen as the cut off in the creation of the State pension review launched earlier in 2019; if an analysis of those left out of the review has been conducted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44823/19]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the details of a process that results in a person being posted a public services card on their eighteenth birthday; the extent and geography of the way in which this occurs; the way in which it complies with consent and dealing with a minor; the way in which such persons are identified by her Department; the way in which this conforms to SAFE 2 and GDPR; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44826/19]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an exception will be made to the rules to allow a person (details supplied) to participate in a community employment

scheme with nine months on jobseeker's allowance; if she will meet with them to discuss same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44829/19]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of full and part-time staff employed in her Department; the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44845/19]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if it is policy to issue persons with a public services card when they reach 18 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44871/19]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when legislation is expected to be introduced on pension auto-enrolment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [44886/19]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when payment and arrears will issue in relation to a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [44894/19]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a non-contributory pension by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44898/19]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the decision to automatically remove lone parents from jobseeker's transitional payment when the youngest child turns 14 years of age is having a negative impact on such applications for other funding streams such as SUSI (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [44903/19]

*1074. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on an application for a carer's allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [44943/19]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason the jobseeker's transition payment was discontinued from January 2019 for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [44944/19]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [44946/19]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be investigated; and if the person will be assisted in locating their contributions. — James Lawless. [44965/19]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if self-employment contributions from 2013 to 2018 will be accepted for contributory pension purposes for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44988/19]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the maximum social welfare benefit will issue to a person (details supplied); if disability benefit will be approved in the case; and if supplementary welfare benefit will be approved to assist them. — John McGuinness. [45023/19]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on an invalidity pension arrears appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45025/19]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 653 of 17 September 2019, the reason data regarding decisions made on employment and self-employment cannot be provided; the reason it is unavailable; her plans to improve record keeping in view of the fact a significant amount of important data is not being quantified; if she will consider tracking such cases by sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45027/19]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by her Department or bodies under her aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45063/19]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a companion travel pass will be granted to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [45099/19]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45107/19]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45108/19]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application for a disability allowance will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45109/19]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person residing here permanently in receipt of a pension from abroad but not in receipt of an Irish State pension is eligible to apply for the winter fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45110/19]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person residing here permanently in receipt of a pension from abroad but not in receipt of an Irish State pension is eligible to apply for the living alone allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45111/19]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person residing here permanently in receipt of a pension from abroad but not in receipt of an Irish State pension is eligible to apply for the household benefit package; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45112/19]

- *1090. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she is satisfied that the tender process for the public services card adhered to public procurement guidelines insofar as a company (details supplied) appears to have been the sole bidder for the second generation card contract; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45114/19]
- *1091. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the waiting time for social welfare payments (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45115/19]
- *1092. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for illness benefit by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [45132/19]
- *1093. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a half-rate carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45175/19]
- *1094. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when payment and arrears will issue in relation to a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [45183/19]
- *1095. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45191/19]
- *1096. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45200/19]
- *1097. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45201/19]
- *1098. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45202/19]
- *1099. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45203/19]
- *1100. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45204/19]
- *1101. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied). — Eamon Scanlon. [45252/19]
- *1102. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [45267/19]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a medical review application will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45272/19]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the level of personal information sharing and or exchange between her Department and the National Screening Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45274/19]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated first and full year cost of changing the farm assist means testing rules in order that irrespective of the source of income the first €3,000 would be disregarded and the balance would be means tested at 50%. — Charlie McConalogue. [45292/19]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45295/19]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a full disability allowance payment will be reinstated for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45300/19]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the statutory redundancy claims made by the 111 employees of a company (details supplied) will be expedited in view of the fact the necessary RP50 forms have been submitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [45380/19]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position in relation to an application for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied); if same will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [45415/19]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of carer's allowance reviews carried out in each month from September 2018 to date; the results of the reviews; the number of allowances increased, unchanged and reduced respectively as a result of these reviews in each month in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [45423/19]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of half and or reduced rate carer's allowance reviews carried out in each month from September 2018 to date; the results of the reviews; the number of allowances increased, unchanged and reduced respectively as a result of these reviews in each month in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [45424/19]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason legitimate outgoings such as visits to the cinema, attractions visits, travel expenses, parking and meals for respite care are ineligible for the calculation of the means test for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [45425/19]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an invalidity pension or long-term illness benefit will issue to a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [45427/19]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application with supporting letters and work and family history for a state pension (contributory) by a person (details

supplied) will be re-examined taking all matters outlined by the person into consideration; and if a positive outcome will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [45431/19]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding a matter (details supplied) in relation to a review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45445/19]

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

*1116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount transferred to Irish Water in funding from the Exchequer in the past five years to date; the projected amount to be transferred to Irish Water over the next decade from central funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44630/19]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding allocation which will be given to local authorities in 2020 and 2021 for phase 2 of energy efficiency works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [44761/19]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to provide deep retrofitting for social housing stock in County Wicklow over the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [44762/19]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the qualifying criteria for serving members of Dáil Éireann to receive termination payments from a local authority. — Robert Troy. [44837/19]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress of compliance with the EU Water Framework Directive; the headings in which Ireland falls under the required acceptable thresholds for surface and ground water; the steps he is taking to improve a score (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45313/19]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average cost of delivering a one, two, three and four bed social housing unit nationally and in Dublin, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [45194/19]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons that have entered homelessness since the implementation of Rebuilding Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [44231/19]

*1123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of preventative HAP payments granted based on notices of termination and on homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [44232/19]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average length of stay in homeless hubs; the costs incurred in relation to hubs; his plans for the opening of further hubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [44233/19]

*1125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a request by Westmeath County Council to move from band 3 to band 2 for social housing income limits will be considered (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44297/19]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when details of the social housing retrofit scheme targeted at the midlands region will be released to each local authority following its inclusion in Budget 2020; and his views on whether details of the scheme need to be supplied in advance of the completion of local authority budgets for 2020. — Robert Troy. [44298/19]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will include the provision of a pathway around a home in the housing adaption works for persons with a disability scheme for 2020 (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44299/19]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a caravan rental or rent-to-buy scheme that will provide residential standard mobile homes for Travellers will be developed. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44344/19]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if funding has been provided for the construction of 69 units on Griffeen Avenue, Lucan between Foxborough Lawn and Tor An Rí Walk, following Part 8 planning approval in April 2019 by South Dublin County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [44368/19]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position regarding land that has been rezoned; the period of time within which building thereon must take place; the penalties that arise for failure to utilise zoned land which has been specifically zoned for residential purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [44433/19]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when legal advice was first sought in relation to the dumping at the old dock, Galway; when a decision will be made regarding the action he plans to take in relation to the complaint in view of the length of time this matter has been with his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [44460/19]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a caravan rental or rent-to-buy scheme will be developed that will provide residential standard mobile homes for Travellers. — Bríd Smith. [44555/19]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of vacancies that arose on the board of the National Oversight and Audit Commission since January 2018 to date in 2019; the number that have been filled; the process engaged to fill vacancies; the number remaining vacant as at 24 October 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44589/19]

*1134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of full-time equivalent cycling officers employed by each local authority; and the seniority level of each officer in tabular form. — Marc MacSharry. [44597/19]

*1135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a full schedule of assets transferred from the State to Irish Water since Irish Water was established by assets type will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44626/19]

*1136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a person that has partaken in a shared ownership scheme through a local authority 20 years ago is eligible to apply for a tenant purchase scheme in a different local authority at present. — Robert Troy. [44672/19]

*1137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if consideration will be given to examining an issue regarding the way in which the maximum amount allowed to be borrowed under the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme is set at €250,000 in view of the fact this funding cannot be allocated to an applicant if the house they plan to build will be worth more than €250,000 upon completion; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this approach does not take into consideration varying land values, location and other localised factors (details supplied); his views on whether the scheme focuses on a minority as opposed to the majority of the population that is seeking assistance with building a new home under the scheme; his further views on whether the scheme is not fit for purpose in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [44682/19]

*1138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the general scheme of the building control (construction industry register Ireland) Bill; and when he plans to publish the Bill. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44684/19]

*1139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if financial support for a housing facility (details supplied) in County Wicklow as ring-fenced by Wicklow County Council constitutes housing funding support as opposed to Department of Health funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [44686/19]

*1140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of computers in his Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44714/19]

*1141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his Department will not be forced to pay additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44729/19]

*1142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to protect his Department in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade computers from an operating system (details supplied) in his Department and the agencies under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44745/19]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the changing requirements under section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 following the various legislative amendments that have been made (details supplied); his plans to make further changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44787/19]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of new grants forthcoming towards water wells and rural water supplies; and when a new grant for such supplies will be available to applicants. — Robert Troy. [44788/19]

*1145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the legislation mentioned in the legislation report for the summer session 2019, specifically the housing and residential tenancies Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [44800/19]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of applicants on the local authority housing list in an area (details supplied) in each of the past five years by area; the number of applicants housed in the same period; the number of new projected housing builds in the planning stage for the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44807/19]

*1147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons in receipt of the housing assistance payment in an area (details supplied) in the past five years; the amount being paid by his Department and the local authority to fund these HAP payments over the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44808/19]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of full and part-time staff employed in his Department; the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44849/19]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn by local authorities to impediments under section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 since Irish Water was established; if so, the local authorities; the issues that have been highlighted; his plans to revise the law as a consequence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44915/19]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reporting from local authorities that followed the issuing of circular PD1/06 with respect to taking housing estates in charge; if he will seek information on impediments experienced in the process since the establishment of Irish Water; if local authorities have been petitioned to take an estate in charge in cases in which housing estates meet the time criteria and they have not done so; if the report will include the number of housing estates involved, the number of houses in each estate, the year it received planning permission and enforcement actions in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44916/19]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the net change in State owned social housing units; if he will provide a breakdown based on new completed units, units purchased, sale of units and demolitions and voids in each of the years 1995 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44936/19]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of housing units owned by the State at the end of each of the years 1995 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44937/19]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average length of a private rental tenancy here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [44985/19]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the outcome of the tender process which was conducted in 2016 for a deposit protection scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [44986/19]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average cost for mediation, an adjudication and a tribunal provided via the Residential Tenancies Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [44987/19]

- *1156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of unlawfully retained deposits which the Residential Tenancies Board ordered landlords to return to tenants in each of the years 2015 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [44991/19]
- *1157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by his Department or bodies under his aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45067/19]
- *1158. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the timeline to greatly reduce and end homelessness here. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45147/19]
- *1159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to provide more social housing in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [45189/19]
- *1160. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when funding will be allocated to Meath County Council for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [45190/19]
- *1161. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of plans to deal with the rising cost of business rates in rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38582/19]
- *1162. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider extending the slurry spreading deadline in counties Cavan and Monaghan as a special case due to flooding; if he has had discussions with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41974/19]
- *1163. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the level of funding provided to each local authority in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45206/19]
- *1164. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the level of funding provided to each local authority for the provision of housing in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of housing units built over the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45207/19]
- *1165. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the level of funding provided to each county for water upgrades in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45208/19]
- *1166. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the level of funding provided to each county for fire services in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45209/19]
- *1167. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding approved to date for local authorities under a specific programme (details supplied); the projected allocations at year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45250/19]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if applicants for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan that have been refused the authorised mortgage protection insurance can avail of private insurance; and if so, the criteria for approval of such own sourced insurance. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45251/19]

*1169. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on recent reports regarding defects and poor quality in some concrete products being supplied to the construction industry; and if his Department monitors the quality of residential and commercial construction in view of problems with aggregate and insulation in the celtic tiger era. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45137/19]

*1170. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the fact that across local authorities there is less money available for local services in view of the fact the stated aim of the local property tax was to provide extra resources for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38987/19]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans for the continuation of SI No. 365 of 2015, Building Control (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2015 with respect to the discretionary opt out for self builders. — Michael Harty. [45269/19]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the outcomes of the 17 October 2019 fact finding mission by An Bord Pleanála to London on the best use of land for the building of houses; and his policy plans in relation to same. — Michael Harty. [45270/19]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on co-living accommodation developments as a method of urban densification in view of his speech to a group (details supplied); and the reason for the decision. — Michael Harty. [45271/19]

*1174. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount paid by Irish Water in respect of commercial rates in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45294/19]

*1175. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to make changes to the legislation with regard to the process of taking-in-charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45299/19]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of adults and children that exited homelessness in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by local authority area in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45318/19]

*1177. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average cost of emergency accommodation per night per household by local authority area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45319/19]

*1178. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason the Local Government Fund has been cut by approximately €30 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45330/19]

*1179. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if an outside legal firm was employed in the drafting of the Water Services Act 2013; and if so, the name of same. — Paul Murphy. [45333/19]

- *1180. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if assistance is available for persons resident in a housing estate (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [45343/19]
- *1181. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider amendments to the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2019, in order that the expiry date of all deemed and designated rent pressure zones can be reviewed prior to 31 December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [45344/19]
- *1182. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he will publish a report regarding the tenant purchase scheme within local authority housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [45375/19]
- *1183. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount spent on a monthly basis on emergency accommodation in Dublin in each of the years 2011 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45389/19]
- *1184. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of homes delivered to date through the strategic housing development scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [45399/19]
- *1185. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extent to which he can authorise construction starts on various local authority housing sites nationally with particular reference to the need for a major surge in such development in view of the increased level of demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45472/19]
- *1186. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of families including children in emergency housing accommodation by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45473/19]
- *1187. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extent to which he can address the high number of families housed in emergency accommodation in lieu of local authority houses nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45474/19]
- *1188. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extent to which he has ongoing discussions with the various local authorities with a view to early action to provide permanent accommodation for families including children or lone applicants on the local authority waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45475/19]
- *1189. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of directly built new local authority houses allocated by the local authority to persons on the housing waiting list by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45476/19]
- *1190. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding sought by each local authority for the purpose of providing local authority houses by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45477/19]
- *1191. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the conditions applicable in respect of funding sought by local authorities for the purpose of providing directly built local authority houses in their functional areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45478/19]

*1192. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of local authorities that have sought funding from his Department for the purpose of building or purchasing local authority houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45479/19]

*1193. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the degree to which he can become directly involved in the upgrading, improving and reletting of local authority houses currently out of use and boarded up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45480/19]

*1194. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on whether procurement policies present an obstacle to the provision of much needed local authority housing developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45481/19]

*1195. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has sought or received from each local authority an up-to-date position in regard to the start-up of developments on various local authority sites nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45482/19]

*1196. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his Department received applications for capital funding pending from the various local authorities for house building or renovation purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45483/19]

*1197. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extent to which funding under the Rebuilding Ireland programme in respect of 2019 has been made available to or drawn down by Kildare County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45484/19]

*1198. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extent to which his Department has directly funded the house building programme of Kildare County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45485/19]

*1199. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the recent recommendations from the EPA to Irish Water to consider installing ultraviolet disinfection to further ensure drinking water quality and the protection of public health at the Leixlip treatment plant. — Thomas Byrne. [45579/19]

*1200. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Irish Water and Fingal County Council had failed to implement the main recommendations of an EPA previous audit of the Leixlip water treatment plant in March 2019 particularly relating to the failure to install automatic shutdown when critical plant alarms are not responded to; and if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that this was a contributory factor to the recent incident which resulted in a boil water notice being enforced for over 600,000 consumers. — Thomas Byrne. [45580/19]

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

*1201. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the volume of a product (details supplied) used over the past ten years in the Burren National Park; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [44521/19]

- *1202. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her Department will coordinate a range of appropriate State commemorative events to mark the 1,500th anniversary of the birth of St. Colmcille in December 2020 in cooperation with the National Museum, the National Monuments Service, an organisation (details supplied) and Donegal County Council; and if she will liaise with counterparts in governments internationally to mark the anniversary. — Pearse Doherty. [44379/19]
- *1203. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to allow bogland to be used for golf courses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44422/19]
- *1204. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of computers in her Department that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44707/19]
- *1205. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her Department will not be forced to pay additional premium payments to a company (details supplied) once support for an operating system expires in January 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44723/19]
- *1206. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to protect her Department in the event of a malware attack or security risks as a result of the failure to upgrade computers from an operating system (details supplied) in her Department and the agencies under her remit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [44739/19]
- *1207. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of full and part-time staff employed in her Department; the number of such staff being paid at the minimum wage rate of pay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44842/19]
- *1208. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding provided to the National Biodiversity Data Centre in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [44888/19]
- *1209. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding provided to the Heritage Council in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [44889/19]
- *1210. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will consider relaunching the heritage town programme or similar to promote rural towns and villages and in effort to decentralise tourism; if consideration has been given to increasing the number of heritage officers and offices in rural towns and villages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [44900/19]
- *1211. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the budget allocation for the Creative Ireland programme in each of the years 2017, 2018 and 2019; and the budget allocation for same in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [45001/19]
- *1212. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of contracts of €25,000 or more that have been awarded by her Department or bodies under her aegis that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45060/19]

*1213. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the date on which the Hill of Tara conservation management plan will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [45297/19]

*1214. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the expenditure for her Department both current and capital to date; the expected expenditure by year end; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45439/19]

*1215. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question No. 37 of 19 September 2019, if there has been recent developments in relation to discussions with the REACH Committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45440/19]

*1216. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the outcome of the most recent discussions she has had with her counterpart in the UK Government and with departments and agencies in Northern Ireland in relation to issues that will arise due to Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45487/19]

*1217. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of the activities of the National Parks and Wildlife Service in combatting wildlife crime; the successes in relation to same in counties Sligo and Leitrim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [45577/19]

*1218. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding that has been provided to arts and culture centres in counties Sligo and Leitrim; the capital investment that will be available in the coming years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [45578/19]

*1219. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason for lifting the total ban on hare net licences in view of her previous statements in relation to the damage the RHD2 disease could potentially inflict on the hare population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [45087/19]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH,
I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADA OIN, 6 SAMHAIN, 2019
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 2019**

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on the Economy will next meet. — Joan Burton. [44456/19]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent communication with the President of the European Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45284/19]

3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on the Economy will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45285/19]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on progress on the Climate Action Plan; and the role of his Department in the delivery of same. — Brendan Howlin. [45465/19]

5. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with other EU leaders since the last EU Council meeting on 17 and 18 October 2019. — Micheál Martin. [45497/19]

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

6. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she has held discussions with Dublin City Council regarding renovating a number of historic markets in Dublin such as the Iveagh Market on Francis Street; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [45454/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the measures she is taking to protect the Dublin Bay biosphere in the coastline of Fingal County Council, Dublin City Council and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45358/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the additional funding available for heritage measures under Budget 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [45568/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the measures she is planning to take to combat employment and income insecurity across the arts sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45502/19]

10. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta maidir le Ceist Parlaiminte Uimhir 231 ar an 18ú Mean Fomhair 2019, soiléiriú a thabhairt maidir leis an gCoiste Idir-Rannach do na hOileáin, go háirithe o thaobh na dtéarmaí tagartha, na mball den choiste agus an phlean oibre; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [45412/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to research by an organisation (details supplied) into pay and conditions for performing artists that showed that a third earn less than the minimum wage and that working in the performing arts is characterised by poor conditions and precarious employment; her plans to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [45457/19]

12. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén uair a bhfoilseofar Bille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) mar atá geallta le blianta. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45459/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the progress she has made towards establishing pilot projects to help identify the way in which a night-time culture initiative will work; the local authorities her Department has approached to participate in the pilot projects; when the pilot projects will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [45458/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the additional funding available for the Heritage Council under Budget 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [45569/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to the number of invasive plants, animals and insects in the ecosystem here; her plans to assess the ecological risks of invasive species; her plans to assess the estimated economic costs of their damage and control; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [45452/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans for the built heritage investment scheme and historic structures fund for 2019/2020; the levels of interest in both schemes in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [45406/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason she favoured moving the National Symphony Orchestra to the National Concert Hall over establishing it as a national cultural institution in its own right; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45506/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the way in which Budget 2020 will improve income streams for those working in the arts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45505/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the action she is taking to rid Ireland of invasive species and noxious weeds in national parks and in other parks and lands controlled by the OPW or local authorities. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45463/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the activities of the National Parks and Wildlife Service in combatting wildlife crime; the successes in counties Galway and Mayo in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [45444/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the examination of options for a new round of arts and cultural capital funding has been completed further to the review of the arts and culture capital enhancement support scheme; if so, when the round will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45417/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the additional funding provided for nature conservation and biodiversity in Budget 2020 with a particular focus on initiatives in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [45407/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which she continues to be actively involved in conservation measures to protect various species of birds or other wildlife now deemed to be near extinction; the degree to which audits take place in respect of native and migratory species; if there are areas in which she can assist in such conservation in return for particular assistance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45449/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding allocated to Culture Ireland in each of the years 2017 to 2019; the projected funding for 2020; if her attention has been drawn to comments from the arts community (details supplied) that the provision of funding is disappointingly low and will negatively impact on artists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [45455/19]

25. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta maidir le ceannach Aerfort na Mine i gContae na Gaillimhe, cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an gcás gnó a mheas; cad

iad na céimeanna atá glactha agus atá le glacadh go fóill; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [45411/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of progressing the recommendations of the Moore Street Report 2, Securing History of 31 July 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [45088/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of her plans for Moore Street; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [45453/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans for the built heritage investment scheme and historic structures fund for 2019/ 2020; the level of interest in both schemes in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [45364/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the interdepartmental committee on offshore island development; and if she has reconsidered that island communities should be directly represented. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [43819/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will consider making the Curragh a national heritage area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [45336/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of progress in relation to Galway 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegarde Naughton. [45443/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question No. 62 of 16 January 2019, the breakdown of sponsorship raised by Galway 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45408/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the capital funding allocated to Waterways Ireland for 2019; the projected expenditure at year end; the proposed allocation for 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45437/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the actions taken by her on foot of the recommendations contained in the Moore Street Report of 2 July 2019 from the Moore Street Advisory Group. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45461/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the draft national policy for architecture and the built environment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44974/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the degree to which she can maximise the use of national heritage sites for educational and tourism purposes while ensuring the protection of sites involved and their integrity in line with national and international trends; if this will include castles or heritage houses currently endangered; if European heritage grant schemes can be availed of in this context; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45450/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding allocated to the Arts Council in each of the years 2017 to 2019; the projected funding for 2020; if her attention has

been drawn to comments from the arts community (details supplied) that the provision of funding is disappointingly low and will negatively impact on artists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [45451/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will report on conservation measures in the special amenity wilderness areas of the Howth peninsula; and if further consideration is being given to designating this unique landscape and topography as a national park. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45359/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding that has been provided to arts and culture centres in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; the capital investment that will be available in the coming years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [45365/19]

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

41. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cad é stádas Bhille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2017; cén dáta a fhoilseofar an Bille; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [45409/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the steps she has taken on foot of the recommendations from the Curlew Task Force; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45507/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the refurbishment of a centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [45337/19]

44. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén teagmháil a bhí aici leis an Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna nó leis an Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna i dtaobh na n-athruithe ar an díolúine ón nGaelainn sna scoileanna; cén éifeacht a bheadh ag an gcéanna ar an Straitéis 20 Bliain don Ghaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45418/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans and the proposed timeline for the renovation of the Abbey Theatre; the funding allocated to the theatre arising from Budget 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [45456/19]

46. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén fáth ar tugadh neamhaird ar iarratas Údarás na Gaeltachta ar mhaoiniú cuí chun gnáthobair an Údaráis a chomhlíonadh mar aon le tograí fiontraíochta a chur i gcrích a chothóidh poist úra sa Ghaeltacht. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45460/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the way in which she will prioritise redevelopment and renovation projects in each of the national cultural institutions under Project Ireland 2040; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45508/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the capital funding allocated for the restoration of the Ulster Canal in 2019; the expenditure to date; the works undertaken;

the expected expenditure by year end; the funding proposed for further development in 2020; the restoration works that will be undertaken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45438/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the additional responsibilities given to the Arts Council following Budget 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45504/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when she will publish an indicative programme of State and State-sponsored commemorative events under the Decade of Centenaries, 1913-1923, programme. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45462/19]

51. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cad é stádas Phlean Teanga Chathair na Gaillimhe mar Bhaile Seirbhíse Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [45410/19]