Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to or met with the First Minister of Scotland recently. — Michael Moynihan. [43259/19]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to or met with the First Minister of Scotland recently. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45494/19]

3. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff employed in the Government Information Service; and the communications budget for 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [43185/19]

4. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff in his Department working on Brexit preparedness. — Brendan Howlin. [43186/19]

5. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff in his Department working on Brexit preparedness. — Joan Burton. [44317/19]

6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Social Policy and Public Services last met. — Joan Burton. [44319/19]

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

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

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

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

11. 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]

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

13. To ask the Taoiseach if meetings of Cabinet committees were held in October 2019. — Micheál Martin. [45243/19]
14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on the Economy will next meet. — Joan Burton. [44456/19]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on the Economy will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45285/19]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent communication with the President of the European Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45284/19]

17. 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]

18. 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]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

19. 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. [45670/19]

20. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta a leagan amach conas a dhéanfar dul chun cinn ar thograí athbheochana dár dteanga náisiúnta laistigh de chonstaicí an mhaoínithe a leagadh amach i mBuiséad 2020. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45468/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of the additional responsibilities given to the Arts Council following Budget 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45671/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding provided for the Travellers Journey Exhibition at the National Museum in Turlough Park, County Mayo in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; the funding provided for tinsmithing and Cant, the traditional language spoken by Irish Travellers in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [45467/19]

23. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén soláthar airgid a cuireadh ar fáil i mBuiséad 2020 d’Údarás na Gaeltachta, briste síos idir soláthar caipitil agus soláthar reatha; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45776/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

24. 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
25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cé nuaí bhofoilseofar Bille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) mar atá geallta le blianta. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45459/19]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the activities of the National Parks and Wildlife Service in combating wildlife crime; the successes in counties Galway and Mayo in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegarde Naughton. [45444/19]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta maidir le ceannach Aerfort na Mine i gContae na Gaillimh, 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 ndéanfadh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [45411/19]

44. 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]

45. 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]
46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]
57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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 dtaoibh na n-athruithe ar an diolúine 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]

63. 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]

64. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén fáth ar tugadh neamhaird ar iarratas Údarás na Gaeltachta ar mhaoineú chú chun gnáthobair an Údarás a chomhlíonadh mar aon le tograí fiontraíochta a chur i gcóras a chothóidh poist úra sa Ghaeltacht. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45460/19]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]
68. 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]

69. Chun a hfaífraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cad é stádas Phlean Teanga Chathair na Gaillimhe mar Bhaile Seirbhísí Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [45410/19]

**CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

*70. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the most up-to-date figures for the strength of the Defence Forces; the ranks across the three services and gender breakdown of same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [45656/19]

*71. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the most up-to-date figures for the strength of the Reserve Defence Forces with regard to all three services and all ranks; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [45657/19]

*72. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of additional recruits the Defence Forces have taken on to date in 2019 with regard to the three services; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [45658/19]

*73. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of additional recruits the Reserve Defence Forces have taken on to date in 2019 with regard to each service; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [45659/19]

*74. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the serious shortfall in the number of civilian maintenance staff at the Defence Forces training centre at the Curragh which has fallen to just over 30 from a previous figure of 200; and the steps he is taking along with the OPW to ensure full and proper maintenance of the buildings on the Curragh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45705/19]

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

*75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on his latest meeting with his officials on Brexit. — Micheál Martin. [45501/19]

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

*76. To ask the Minister for Finance if long-term partners that are not married can claim a tax credit for the other partner; and if not, his plans to introduce legislation in this regard. — Robert Troy. [45669/19]
*77. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason for imposing a levy on private pensions; if this levy can now be reviewed having regard to the changed economic circumstances; if he will consider abolishing it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [45692/19]

*78. To ask the Minister for Finance if employees that have reached the pensionable age of 66 years of age but that continue working are still liable for the universal social charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [45697/19]

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

*79. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application for a permanent extension by a school (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the urgent need for the school to have certainty in relation to its future enrolment capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [45581/19]

*80. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a position for maternity leave cover can only be advertised on the first day of the leave. — Thomas Byrne. [45588/19]

*81. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the protocol for a student that has particular needs and has the use of a laptop while attending school when it comes to the sitting of State exams; if there is a criteria that must be met by the students that allows them to use the laptop during an exam; the length of time in advance of sitting an exam the student will be advised that they can use it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [45636/19]

*82. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding an assessment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [45663/19]

*83. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the provision of school transport is under consideration for a person (details supplied); if so, when the outcome will be decided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [45668/19]

*84. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the 2018 annual report of the appeals officer of Caranua will be published; the reason for the delay in its publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45775/19]

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

*85. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps a person (details supplied) can take in relation to the provision of a passport for their child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45706/19]

*86. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the number of applications of new build social housing units stemming from the investment fund and enterprise option of the immigrant investor programme for 2017, 2018 and up to the end of August 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [45716/19]

*87. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the number of applications for new build nursing homes and primary care centres that are underway stemming from the investment fund and enterprise option of the immigrant investor programme for 2017,
2018 and up to the end of August 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [45717/19]

*88. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress of drafting of legislation that may be required to amend section 15(1)(c) of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 following the High Court ruling on the interpretation on the requirement for an applicant for citizenship to be present here for a given time. — Ruth Coppinger. [45582/19]

*89. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if there will be additional citizenship ceremonies planned following the resolution of the difficulties that have emerged following the High Court ruling on the residency of applicants for citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [45583/19]

*90. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the timeline for the commencement of the Family Law Act 2019; his plans to commence all sections of the Act at once; if some sections will have to wait for a longer commencement period; if so, the sections; the length of time they will be delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [45585/19]

*91. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the review of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017 will be published; the mechanism for review; when the review will commence; the terms of reference of the review; the person undertaking the review; the stakeholders to be consulted in its preparation; the procedure for making submissions by interested parties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45640/19]

*92. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of applications that have been made for the immigrant investor programme via the enterprise, investment, REIT and endowment options up to the end of August 2019; the breakdown for each period for 2019 (details supplied) in tabular form; the number of applications in 2017 and 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [45713/19]

*93. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of applications for the immigrant investor programme via the enterprise investment, REIT and endowment options that have been approved up to the end of August 2019, for 2017 and 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [45714/19]

*94. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of new build social housing units, new build nursing homes and primary care centres that are underway stemming from the investment fund and enterprise option of the immigrant investor programme in 2017, 2018 and up to the end of August 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [45715/19]

*95. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he has taken to ensure that funds under the immigrant investor programme are fully drawn down and verified before visas are granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [45718/19]

*96. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he has taken to ensure the immigrant investor programme adheres to best practise in the OECD in relation to investor programmes in relation to anti-money laundering, international sanction checks, political exposed persons and client verification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [45719/19]
97. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he has taken to address the issue of organisations making third-party payments to secure funding under the endowment option of the immigrant investor programme or other options; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [45720/19]

98. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 646 of 6 September 2019, the number of drivers by District Court area, convicted following court proceedings taken in relation to the offence of driving without a driver licence from 1 January 2019 to 12 September 2019; the penalty imposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45721/19]

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

99. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of vacant positions in the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement; and the length of time each position has been vacant. — Imelda Munster. [45593/19]

100. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of staff employed by the ODCE at the beginning of 2018; and the number of gardaí assigned to the ODCE. — Imelda Munster. [45594/19]

101. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the fact that the ranking of Ireland has deteriorated on the World Bank Ease of Doing Business annual survey of 190 economies. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45622/19]

102. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA client companies located here. — Imelda Munster. [45664/19]

103. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA client companies located here that originate from the United States of America. — Imelda Munster. [45665/19]

104. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the budget allocation and the number of participants for Ireland’s Best Young Entrepreneur in 2018 and 2019. — Imelda Munster. [45666/19]

105. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the costs associated with commissioning an organisation to complete reports (details supplied); the funds expended including costs associated with advertising, design work, photography, print and online media advertising and public relations in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [45687/19]

106. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of cases that were investigated or are under investigation by the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019. — Imelda Munster. [45699/19]

107. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of convictions that have been made by the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019. — Imelda Munster. [45700/19]
Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*108. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deliver on the 2016 review of the Financial Emergency Measures in Public Interest Acts which recommended changes to renumeration structures for community pharmacy contractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45591/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of detained medicines that are bought over the internet; and his views on the growing danger posted by illegally purchased medicines that typically can be of dubious quality, contaminated with unsafe fillers, have the wrong ingredients, not enough active ingredient or fake packaging. — Anne Rabbitte. [45592/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Health if it is HSE policy to neglect to provide persons approved for and in receipt of home help hours on bank holidays; and if so, if it is a cost cutting exercise. — Robert Troy. [45596/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities in receipt of home support hours in each LHO area at the end of October 2019 or latest date available; and the number of persons on the waiting list for same in each LHO area by time periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45601/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities in receipt of personal assistance hours in each LHO area at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available; and the number of persons on the waiting list for same in each LHO area by time periods (details supplied) in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45602/19]

*113. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential places for persons with a disability being provided at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available by CHO area. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45603/19]

*114. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency places provided to persons with a disability at the end of October 2019 by LHO in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45604/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available awaiting a first assessment from the HSE under the Disability Act 2005 by LHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45605/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available on the physiotherapy waiting list by time periods and age groups (details supplied) by LHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45606/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list by time periods and age groups (details supplied) by LHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45607/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list by time periods and age groups (details supplied) by LHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45608/19]
*119. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list by time periods and age groups (details supplied) by LHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45609/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available on the occupational therapy first-time assessment waiting list by time periods and age groups (details supplied) by LHO area in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45610/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area in CHO1 at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list by time periods and age groups (details supplied) in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45611/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area in CHO2 at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list by time periods and age groups (details supplied) in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45612/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area in CHO3 at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list by time periods and age groups (details supplied) in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45613/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area in CHO4 at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list by time periods and age groups (details supplied) in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45614/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area in CHO5 at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list by time periods and age groups (details supplied) in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45615/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area in CHO6 at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list by time periods and age groups (details supplied) in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45616/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area in CHO7 at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list by time periods and age groups (details supplied) in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45617/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area in CHO8 at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list by time periods and age groups (details supplied) in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45618/19]
*129. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area in CHO9 at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list by time periods and age groups (details supplied) in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45619/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health when the recruitment embargo will be terminated by the chief executive of the HSE. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45624/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health the likely impact on management and administration services in the HSE from the initiation of the proposed regional health area structures in 2020. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45625/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons availing of the cross border directive in each year since its inception; the cost of reimbursements for same in each year since its inception; and the number of claims awaiting reimbursement under the directive as of 31 October 2019 or the latest date available. — Stephen Donnelly. [45644/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health the counselling in primary care services available for persons in County Longford; if a replacement counsellor has been recruited for the service in Tullamore, County Offaly; his views on the fact that this position has been vacant since early June 2019; and his further views on the fact that patients are awaiting appointments in excess of nine months despite commitments from the HSE that no patients would be waiting longer than three months to access such services. — Robert Troy. [45645/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health the status of his plans to upgrade and refurbish St. Colman’s Hospital, Rathdrum in view of the need to do so as stated by recent HIQA reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [45646/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health if the homecare hours approved for a person (details supplied) will be implemented in order that they can return home in a safe environment and free up a nursing home bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45651/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a counselling appointment in primary care at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available by time periods (details supplied). — James Browne. [45652/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a child and adolescent mental health services appointment at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available by time periods (details supplied). — James Browne. [45653/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a psychology appointment in primary care at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available by time periods (details supplied). — James Browne. [45654/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children admitted to adult mental health units between 1 January 2019 and 31 October 2019. — James Browne. [45655/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the review the HSE is undertaking of a charity (details supplied); the impact it may have on services it provides; if alternative arrangements are being made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [45680/19]
*141. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that funding to a charity (details supplied) will be removed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [45681/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) was left with medical costs of over €800 when their medical card was being reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45683/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding anti-calcitonin gene related peptide medication for the preventative treatment of chronic migraine; if the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics has completed its full health technology assessment on the medication erenumab; when erenumab and fremanezumab will be made available to chronic migraine patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [45684/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will have surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [45688/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to media reports (details supplied) regarding the difficulty in recruiting a third consultant post for the 24/7 thrombectomy service which was announced in July 2019 but now is not possible; his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [45689/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health the procedures in place for patients of paediatric diabetes services at University Hospital Waterford in circumstances in which the use of pump and CGM technology are unavailable at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45690/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health the number of diabetes patients transferred from University Hospital Waterford to Cork University Hospital for their diabetes care in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45691/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot receive respite care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45696/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health if transitional funding will be provided to cover the costs of nursing home care for the weeks prior to the approval of a fair deal application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45701/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request from a person (details supplied) the reason for the absence of the HSE mandated maternal safety statement for March 2019 which the National Maternity Hospital has failed to publish. — Peadar Tóibín. [45709/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Health the reason he has not taken action to investigate the alleged breaches of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 and accompanying guidelines brought to his attention in May 2019; and when action will be taken. — Peadar Tóibín. [45710/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Health the proactive steps he has taken to make sure the external review into the crisis at the National Maternity Hospital which he personally endorsed as necessary, will go ahead in view of the fact that the tragedy occurred seven months ago and the terms of reference for the review have not been published. — Peadar Tóibín. [45711/19]
*153. To ask the Minister for Health the reason he has failed to provide the couple at the centre of the false diagnosis crisis at the National Maternity Hospital the minutes of their meeting with the CMO in May 2019 and the minutes of the meeting that he had with the master of the hospital in August 2019; and if the minutes will be released pursuant to Freedom of Information. — Peadar Tóibín. [45712/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Health the reason funding is not available for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45740/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health further of Parliamentary Question No. 412 of 17 September 2019, if the funding will be provided immediately for the purpose of accommodation and care for a person (details supplied); if a positive response will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [45746/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions No. 414 of 17 September 2019, the action he is taking to provide occupational therapy services for a person (details supplied); and if the case will be expedited in view of the urgency of same. — John McGuinness. [45748/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 413 of 17 September 2019, if home help hours or a care plan will be put in place urgently for a person (details supplied); the action being taken to recruit staff to address the need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [45749/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 410 of 17 September 2019, the reason there is no primary care paediatric service in County Kilkenny; if children referred to the service can be seen in another county or a location in which the service exists; if, in the event of the service continuing to be unavailable through the HSE, he will provide funding for the children to be seen privately; if the referral of a person (details supplied) will be dealt with as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [45751/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2019 BPS payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45638/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the stage at which his attention has been drawn to the fact that a company (details supplied) was not under the remit of an organisation and would not be affected by agreements reached following negotiations; if his attention was drawn to the fact before or after the agreement was reached between stakeholders in the beef industry on 15 September 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [45647/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention was drawn to the fact that a company (details supplied) was not linked to an organisation prior to the agreement being reached on 15 September 2019; if so, the reason he did not notify farm organisation representatives

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*162. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention was drawn to the fact that a company (details supplied) was not linked to an organisation prior to the agreement being reached on 15 September 2019; if so, the reason he did not notify farm organisation representatives
at the talks that the injunctions held over farmers by the company would not be lifted as a result of a deal struck with the organisation before the negotiations ended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [45648/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when applicants under the TAMS scheme will be notified of the outcome of their application and amount of grant being approved; and if an application under TAMS by persons (details supplied) will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [45752/19]

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

*164. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to introduce additional electric vehicle stations in west County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [45743/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the inconsistency in two responses (details supplied) on the position regarding the conferring of preferred bidder status and the ability to end the tender for the National Broadband Plan without signing a contract. — Barry Cowen. [45778/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the implications and impact of the roll out of 5G networks on the National Broadband Plan. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45620/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has independently evaluated future scenarios for the delivery of green energy by Eirgrid by 2030 and 2040, respectively. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45621/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the mapping of areas to be afforded state aid was identified and confirmed at the time preferred bidder status was conferred with regard to the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [45643/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the State is liable to pay compensation to the preferred bidder with regard the National Broadband Plan in the event the mapping area ends up being smaller than the original mapping area indicated to the bidder at the time preferred bidder status was awarded; if so, the amount of compensation in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [45702/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of premises served by a company (details supplied) in the intervention area of the National Broadband Plan; the number which will be served by the end of 2019; if the preferred bidder will be provided with compensation for these premises if the National Broadband Plan contract is signed through an encroachment contingency; if the preferred bidder has been assured of these payments in the event that the contract is signed; the actions taken to ensure this is within state aid rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45722/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a subsidy in the context of a conditional and contingency subsidy for the National Broadband Plan will be paid to a company (details supplied) in the event that a commercial operator encroaches into
the intervention area; the method by which encroachment will be deemed to have taken place;  the amount within the €480 million which has been set aside for this purpose; if such payments are limited to the contingency only; and when these payments will be made. — Niamh Smyth. [45723/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when high speed broadband will be rolled out at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45738/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when high speed broadband will be rolled out at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45739/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the inconsistency in two responses (details supplied) on the position regarding the conferring of preferred bidder status and the ability to end the tender for the National Broadband Plan without signing a contract. — Barry Cowen. [45777/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which he conferred preferred bidder status on a company (details supplied) for such premises in the context of the announcement of a third-party provider that it planned to provide a broadband service in the intervention area of the National Broadband Plan in February 2019 and further announcements that another third-party provider would roll out fibre broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [45779/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which he conferred preferred bidder status on a company (details supplied) for such premises in the context of the provision of a service to 24,000 premises by third-party providers in the intervention area of the National Broadband Plan and further roll outs by another third-party provider; if the preferred bidder will roll out fibre to these premises and or receive payment or compensation for these premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [45781/19]

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*177. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has had meetings with his officials to discuss the Transport Omnibus 2018 published on 24 October 2019. — Micheál Martin. [45499/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to use detectors to examine large trucks entering or leaving ports in view of the recent deaths at Grays, Essex, UK. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45627/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to make changes to legislation to specifically include small commercial vehicles as a category on licences; the reason the category was excluded; if his attention has been drawn to problems that have resulted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45641/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason a retrospective test or tests is required in situations in which a commercial vehicle has been off the road and missed the annual
commercial vehicle test; his plans to bring forward changes to alter same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45642/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to steps being taken by Ireland and its EU partners in relation to the tragic deaths of citizens in crashes involving an aircraft (details supplied) to ensure accountability by the owners and management of the company. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45660/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to an inconsistent pricing policy in respect of a route (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [45667/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be provided to finance the construction of realignment works along the N55 between Ballymahon, County Longford and Athlone, County Westmeath; when Transport Infrastructure Ireland will be in a position to fund developments and improvements on this route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [45685/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there will be an expansion of the Cork public bike scheme to the north-side of Cork city. — Sean Sherlock. [45693/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there will be an expansion of the Cork public bike scheme to the Douglas and Blackrock areas of Cork city. — Sean Sherlock. [45694/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to implement noise attenuation measures along the N28 on the south-side of Cork city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45704/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the annual amount of subvention granted to each public transport provider in each of the past ten years to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45708/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the purchasing of additional rail carriages for Iarnród Éireann; and the date by which he expects these carriages to be delivered. — Marc MacSharry. [45730/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated length of time it would have taken to refurbish the 28 unused rail carriages which Irish Rail considered reintroducing into use. — Marc MacSharry. [45731/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of times he has met at chairperson level with each of the agencies and companies for which his Department is the parent Department between his appointment as Minister and January 2019; and the dates of these meetings in tabular form. — Marc MacSharry. [45732/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason for the delay in the large sports infrastructure fund. — Sean Sherlock. [45736/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a driver test will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45737/19]
*193. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to a full orbital route plan for the north ring road in Cork city. — Sean Sherlock. [45765/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will report on the investigation that Tusla undertook recently of a charity (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [45682/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount spent on social media platforms in 2019 advertising the national childcare scheme; the platforms they were advertised on; and the spending per platform with demographics targeted. — Sean Sherlock. [45695/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if registration for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; the status of the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45758/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will examine the case of a crèche (details supplied) and extend the deadline for displacement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45774/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the cost of holding an event (details supplied); and the costs associated with advertising, design work, photography, event staging, venue hire, print and online media advertising and public relations in tabular form. — Jackie Cahill. [45686/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the cost of making a video (details supplied); the Department that funded the video; the number of meetings he and senior staff had with accounting officers and with staff from other Departments including accounting officers that were involved including giving instructions and advice in promoting the video; and the details of each meeting in tabular form. — Jackie Cahill. [45745/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on an illness benefit appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45584/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her plans for auto-enrolment will include an early drawdown option for a mortgage deposit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [45597/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the timeline and target dates for delivery in order to ensure that an auto-enrolment pension system will be in place by 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [45598/19]
*203. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the resources, financial and otherwise, that have been allocated to ensure that an auto-enrolment pension system is in place by 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [45599/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the date the new national action plan for social inclusion will be published; the reason for the ongoing delay in publishing same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [45600/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans in relation to the auto-enrolment of workers in the private sector in pension plans. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45628/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will accept the recommendation of the Workplace Relations Commission and implement a decision (details supplied) for community employment supervisors and assistant supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [45639/19]

*207. 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. [45707/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer’s allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45733/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 164 of 25 September 2019, if a carer’s allowance will be approved as a matter of urgency for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [45747/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is entitled to a pension following the death of their spouse; and if they are entitled to other benefits. — John McGuinness. [45753/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if there is a draft or other budget for establishing the proposed central processing agency for auto-enrolment; the person of body that will be responsible for overruns of the proposed budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [45755/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount or percentage that the State will contribute to the proposed auto-enrolment pension system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [45756/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the concept of the proposed auto-enrolment pension scheme conflicts with the existing Personal Retirement Savings Account system which operates without the need for a central processing agency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [45757/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on a domiciliary care allowance application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [45759/19]
*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measures being taken to reassure the public that water is appropriately treated and fit for consumption at both the Leixlip and Ballymore Eustace water plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [45595/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he is satisfied that the necessary steps have been taken by Irish Water and Fingal County Council at the Leixlip water treatment plant to ensure there is no repetition of the pump failure and control system failure which led to boil water notices for 600,000 persons. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45623/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of vacant properties in counties Cavan and Monaghan in tabular form; and the existing or planned initiatives he intends to implement to assist local authorities in the counties to make vacant homes habitable. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45630/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many older persons, persons with long-term illnesses and those that are housebound feel angry and discriminated against due to the fact that they are unable to vote in elections and are unable to get to a Garda station to have a postal vote form verified; and the way in which he plans to rectify same. — Brendan Ryan. [45637/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he is considering introducing legislation to allow for a referendum to ensure the water system is kept in public ownership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [45729/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of approved housing bodies which have sold housing units funded under the CLSS scheme; the number of units sold; the conditions under which sale agreements were entered into; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [45754/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if Irish Water will have the suitable resources to carry out improved works at the Leixlip water treatment plant in the interest of public safety in line with recent EPA recommendations. — Thomas Byrne. [45768/19]

*222. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Heritage and the Gaeltacht cad iad na heagraíochtaí agus na tograí Gaeilge agus Gaeltachta a bheidh sí ag maoiniú sa bhliain 2020 i gcomparáid leo síud a tugadh maoiniú dóibh sa bhliain 2019. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45469/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the residents in the Glenamole region of the Dublin Mountains use parts of the national park in that area to graze animals and that there have been numerous requests to the local authorities to install cattle grids in the area to prevent the sheep from roaming onto the four public roads the run through the park; if her attention has been further drawn to a precedent that exists of installing cattle grids on public park lands (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [45629/19]
*224. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the definition of regulated coursing matches requires clubs to comply with rules 11 and 13 of a club (details supplied) in relation to the open seasons order for which she has sole responsibility. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [45631/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the definition of regulated coursing matches requires clubs to comply with directive 11 of a club (details supplied) in relation to the open seasons order for which she has sole responsibility. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [45632/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the definition of regulated coursing matches requires greyhounds to be wearing the proper collars in line with rule 109 of a club (details supplied) in relation to the open seasons order for which she has sole responsibility. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [45633/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason 19 affiliated clubs of a club (details supplied) referred to in a recent meeting of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine were not listed in the licence schedule for the 2018/2019 season in relation to conditions of the hare netting licence; and the measures in place to monitor their activity. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [45634/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on the interpretation and extent of the open seasons order set out in paragraphs 6.0 to 6.3 of a submission to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the open seasons order for which she has sole responsibility; and if this was the case prior to the date of the submission. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [45635/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the additional funding provided for nature conservation and biodiversity in Budget 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [45744/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which visitors from overseas are encouraged to visit cultural and or heritage sites on a coordinated basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45782/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the degree to which the number of species of migratory small birds have diminished in recent years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45784/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the degree to which the number of various species of native birds or animals has diminished in recent years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45785/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which her Department monitors the number and species of migratory birds spending winters or summers here; the degree to which the species have altered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45786/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which reinstatement or preservation works are proposed or are in hand in respect of buildings of cultural or historical significance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45787/19]
*235. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of round towers in existence nationally; if each is in good or restorable condition; her plans to address issues arising; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45788/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the degree to which she supports the arts through the Arts Council or directly through local community groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45789/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the degree to which she continues to support the arts through musical or dramatic societies nationally in 2019 with specific reference to County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45790/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the degree to which she encourages or promotes the arts through schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45791/19]

CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH,
I gCOMHAIR FREAGRAÓ BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 7 SAMHAIN, 2019
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 2019

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will accept the affiliation of a union (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45762/19]

2. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the dilapidated condition of accommodation blocks that recruits and soldiers are required to live or stay in while receiving training in the Curragh; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the cadet school is operating out of prefabs and that the Ranger Wing is located in old stables with no running water; and if a five year demolition, restoration and construction strategy will be developed in order to address the needs of a modern military training school. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45677/19]

3. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will provide a report on the White Paper on Defence update; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [45728/19]

4. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the new United Nations missions he expects the Defence Forces to undertake in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [45727/19]

5. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which retirements from the Defence Forces have been replaced by new recruits with a view to ensuring the strength of the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps remains in line with targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45735/19]
6. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the progress being made in considering Defence Forces representative organisations affiliation with a union (details supplied) as a means to address the interests of its members in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [45766/19]

7. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the fact that members of the Defence Forces are the only soldiers in the various missions in Mali that are required to take lariam; and when he will abide by the instructions of Dáil Éireann to cease the use of the drug of first choice in preventing malaria in view of the fact that most other military authorities have switched to alternative anti-malaria drugs and that already some of those in the latest deployment have had an adverse reaction to a drug no longer on public sale here. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45675/19]

8. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will report on the review of Defence Force Regulation R5 (New Series) on the Reserve Defence Force and on the continuing vital role of the Army Reserve and Naval Service Reserve in Óglaigh na hÉireann. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45360/19]

9. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the amount spent by the Defence Forces on Israeli manufactured equipment and services in each of the years 2010 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45764/19]

10. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the staffing levels of the Defence Forces; the recommended levels that should be operational; his plans to retain and recruit sufficient staff numbers in the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45763/19]

11. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of the deployment of the Defence Forces to Lebanon as part of UNIFIL in view of growing tensions between Israel and Hezbollah; the extent of cooperation between Defence Forces personnel and forces from other European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45771/19]

12. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of self-inflicted injuries of both serving and retired Defence Forces personnel in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [45650/19]

13. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of the Army Ranger Wing recently deployed to an EU battlegroup in Germany which is the fourth time Ireland has been involved in an EU battlegroup and the first time the unit has taken part; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45770/19]

14. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which European defence and security will continue to be provided for in the aftermath of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45734/19]

15. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the shortfall in the various branches of the Defence Forces in particular in specific ranks and in particular specialist fields and the additional workload it is placing on the remaining members; and the steps he has taken to address the problem since he was assigned responsibility for Defence in March 2011. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45674/19]
16. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to reopen Army barracks in the Border region due to issues that may arise following Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45742/19]

17. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will report on the membership of Ireland in the Partnership for Peace under the auspices of NATO; his views on the way in which the efforts of NATO at reorganising its partnership structures will influence the position of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [45089/19]

18. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of each of the ships of the Naval Service, for example, if they are in dry dock, at sea and each has a full complement of crew; and when he expects all ships will be at sea at the one time in view of the challenges of drug smuggling, sea fishery protection, possible UN or EU duty in the Mediterranean Sea or local search and rescue and ordinary sea patrols, in the case of ships not in service. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45676/19]

19. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to reconsider the consolidation of the Defence Forces barracks infrastructure of 2011 in view of Brexit and security issues in the Border region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45741/19]

20. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if capital funding will be allocated for the upgrading of living conditions for personnel in the Curragh camp; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [45678/19]

21. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the timeframe for returning to and maintaining the strength of the Defence Forces at 9,500; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [45726/19]

22. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the details of the proposed increases in pay and allowances for the Defence Forces personnel under the proposed deal from the Public Service Pay Commission; and the way in which this deal will stem the losses of personnel. — Bríd Smith. [45760/19]

23. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the Defence Forces purchase from Israeli arms suppliers; his views on whether it is ethical to purchase weapons that have a connection to states engaged in activities in violation of international law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [45090/19]

24. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans for the reinstatement of troops in the Border counties in view of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45124/19]

25. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of plans by the European Commission to establish a new directorate-general for defence industry and space; the level of involvement the private sector arms industry will have in formulating EU defence policy; the position of Ireland on the establishment of a new directorate-general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45769/19]

26. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he is still engaging with the Department of Education and Skills in relation to finding a site for the new school building of a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [45679/19]
27. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the engagement he has had with the Department of Education and Skills regarding the need for a site for a new school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [45767/19]

28. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the review mechanism in place under the Public Service Pay Commission pay proposals for the Defence Forces in the event that the changes do not result in the forces retaining or recruiting staff in sufficient numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45761/19]

29. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he has ever requested that moneys not spent from the Defence vote annually due to the establishment number of the Defence Forces not being reached that year could be ring-fenced and used in each of the following years to address the reasons many members of the Defence Forces have left or are contemplating leaving the service. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45673/19]

30. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the funding allocated to Defence in Budget 2020 which exceeded €1 billion for the first time; the amount allocated to defence programmes as mandated under the European Defence Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45772/19]