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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the Public Pay Commission report on the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [45895/19]

2. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the situation within sections of the Defence Forces is so bad that the viability of those units are at risk due to the failure to address the exodus from the Defence Forces; and the immediate steps will he take to stem the tide of resignations of commissions and other ranks leaving the Defence Forces in large numbers. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45672/19]

3. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will provide a report on the work of the Army bomb disposal unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [45896/19]

4. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the relationship of Ireland with FCAS, Future Combat Air System and the European Defence Union. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [45509/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

5. 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]

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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 malaria; 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*35. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of personnel employed within the Army bomb disposal unit and for each of the past ten years; if there are staff shortages in the unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [45882/19]

*36. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which the numbers in the Defence Forces have fluctuated in the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45991/19]

*37. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the degree to which membership of the Air Corps has fluctuated in the past three years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45992/19]

*38. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the degree to which membership of the Naval Service has fluctuated in the past three years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45993/19]

*39. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which the strength of the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps continues to be sufficient to meet eventualities in the event of a natural disaster or a terror offence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45994/19]

*40. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the degree to which ongoing military training requirements continue to be met throughout the Air Corps; if there are exceptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45995/19]

*41. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the degree to which ongoing military training requirements continue to be met throughout the Naval Service; if there are exceptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45996/19]

*42. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the degree to which ongoing military training requirements continue to be met throughout the Army; if there are exceptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45997/19]

*43. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the degree to which the Army Reserve continues to have access to updated training on an annual basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45998/19]

*44. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which adequate personnel remain available to ensure that all Naval Service vessels can put to sea at short notice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45999/19]

*45. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the extent to which each branch of the Defence Forces can be activated and scrambled at short notice in the event of a natural or other emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46000/19]

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

*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on a centre (details supplied) in New York; the payments it receives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [45849/19]

*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the State funding a centre (details supplied) has received since its foundation in 2009; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [45852/19]

*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he discussed the latest study carried out by persons (details supplied) with his officials on calculating that in the event of a united Ireland being voted upon subsidising Northern Ireland would reduce living standards here by 15%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [45860/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*49. To ask the Minister for Finance if the mortgage repayment arrangements in place for a borrower are carried over to the new mortgage company which buys a loan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [45800/19]

*50. To ask the Minister for Finance the position in relation to the printing of euro bank notes here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45844/19]

*51. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of custom officials hired, trained and in place as of 31 October 2019 to prepare for Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [45874/19]

*52. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of firms without an EORI number as of 31 October 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [45875/19]

*53. To ask the Minister for Finance the latest data available for the impact that a hard Brexit in particular a customs border between east and west will have on Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [45876/19]

*54. To ask the Minister for Finance if rules apply selectively under European Union VAT to a reduction on the rate of VAT to specific categories of house purchases, namely those bought by first-time buyers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [45915/19]

*55. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which his Department or the Financial Regulator continues to monitor the activity of insurance companies offering motor insurance with a view to ensuring availability of adequate procedure to protect the insured party in compliance with competition and duty of care and that arbitrary decisions are not made that may reflect negatively on the insured party; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45962/19]

*56. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of flat rate expenses in the income tax system; the number of persons that have claimed under each classification; the cost under each classification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45980/19]

*57. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the review of flat rate expenses; if it is being undertaken by the Revenue Commissioners; when he expects the review to conclude; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45981/19]

*58. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of on-site inspections undertaken by the Central Bank of credit servicing firms since the commencement of the Consumer Protection (Regulation of Credit Servicing Firms) Act 2018; the number of enforcement actions undertaken; the number of enforcement findings made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45982/19]

*59. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Central Bank is monitoring the operation of PSD2 in relation to online banking; if there are concerns that some online services have been disrupted based on the device used to access online banking; the list of devices that cannot be used for each bank; if he or the Central Bank has received assurances that access will be restored for customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45983/19]

*60. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Central Bank has data on online banking usage; the number of individual customers that use online banking by bank; the number of businesses that use online banking by bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45984/19]

*61. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress on a price index for public and employer liability insurance; when prices will begin to be tracked over time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45985/19]

*62. To ask the Minister for Finance if an analysis has been undertaken by his Department on the pharmaceutical industry; if patent expiration in the industry has been profiled; the potential impact of same on employment in particular regions; the potential of same to impact corporation tax receipts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45986/19]

*63. To ask the Minister for Finance if the 2013 analysis undertaken on the impact of the patent cliff on pharma-chem output here has been updated; if the risks have been assessed for biological medicines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45987/19]

*64. To ask the Minister for Finance the mechanism by which a company (details supplied) removed €190 million from the escrow account; the reason for the withdrawal; the person or body that requested the withdrawal; if the European Commission has been consulted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45990/19]

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

*65. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the cases of retired public servants that subsequently take up private employment will be reviewed; the reason such retired public servants have their pensions cut by half; if he will reconsider this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [45845/19]

*66. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps he is taking to promote small and medium enterprises take-up procurement opportunities; if he will introduce extra supports for SMEs following Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [45869/19]

*67. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding persons that take-up a position in the public service, if previous similar work can be taken into consideration in terms of their starting point on the scale (details supplied); if this applies across each Department and local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [45899/19]

*68. 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 work required in order to reopen the courthouse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [45923/19]

*69. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a programme of remedial works for Carndonagh Courthouse, Carndonagh, County Donegal have been put in place; the likely timeframe involved; the steps 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. [45924/19]

*70. 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 said it would commission in February 2017. — Pearse Doherty. [45929/19]

*71. 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. [45930/19]

*72. 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 same. — Pearse Doherty. [45931/19]

*73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the most recent visitor numbers at OPW sites in County Donegal which are open to the public. — Pearse Doherty. [45932/19]

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

*74. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a summer works scheme application by a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [45792/19]

*75. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a new school building and site for a school (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [45823/19]

*76. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will allow a school (details supplied) in County Cork to take in three junior infants classes in 2020/2021 in view of the fact that a permanent school building is to be provided which will enable the school to be three stream; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45839/19]

*77. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 97 of 26 September 2019, the steps being taken to ensure that the appropriate wage structure of €13 per hour is paid out by the schools in respect of caretakers employed by voluntary secondary schools and whose wages are funded by way of capital grants paid to the school; when the new agreement which will replace the current arbitration agreement which expires on 31 December 2019, will come into force; the sanctions available to caretakers if the schools employing them have failed to implement the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [45889/19]

*78. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the 10 % increase which was recommended by the arbitrator for the payment of caretakers by voluntary schools between 2016 and 2019 was implemented; if caretakers that did not receive the graduated increase between the years are now entitled to arrears and backdating of their pay to cover the period between 2016 and 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [45890/19]

*79. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an assessment of the conditions of caretakers in secondary schools will be carried out to ensure that the disadvantages that they have sustained over a number of years will be remedied and that the appropriate work and conditions applicable to all employees nationwide such as entitlement to overtime or other such benefits are catered for in new agreements that will be reached; if the direct employment of caretakers in schools will be considered rather than leaving the issue of remuneration such employees directly to the schools themselves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [45891/19]

*80. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount made available to pay caretakers in the respect of the scheme introduced in 2009 which provided extensive capitation grants to

voluntary schools to employ caretakers which came into being following the withdrawal of the original employment scheme in 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [45892/19]

*81. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of voluntary secondary schools and private schools which receive assistance by way of capitation grant to provide for secretarial caretaking services; the system used to allocate to each school the particular amount to enable them to meet their particular needs in these areas; the supervision in place to ensure that persons employed in roles such as caretaking are paid the appropriate rate and have the relevant employment conditions appropriately applied in each situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [45893/19]

*82. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when an assessment in respect of dyslexia will be arranged in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45957/19]

*83. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a SNA will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45959/19]

*84. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding entitlement to a higher education grant in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45961/19]

*85. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for an ASD unit to be developed at a school (details supplied) to meet increased demand for such a facility in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45966/19]

*86. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeframe for completion of works at a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45972/19]

*87. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding an appeal in respect of a suppression of a teaching post by a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [45978/19]

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

*88. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the provision of a new Garda station for the Castletroy and Annacotty suburb of Limerick city will be considered (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [45806/19]

*89. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will publish the amended terms of reference of the scoping exercise into the circumstances leading to the death of a person (details supplied) and related matters submitted by a person to his Department earlier in 2019. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45817/19]

*90. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he is taking in response to the recent judgment of the High Court relating to continuous residency under section 15(1)(c) of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 (as amended); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45821/19]

*91. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has met with Irish Rail and or the NTA in respect of forming a dedicated transport police service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45883/19]

*92. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of offers received for the provision of direct provision centres in 2019 by local authority area; the number of rooms available in each centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45909/19]

*93. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an application to revoke a deportation order under section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999 (as amended) in the case of a person (details supplied) will be accepted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45934/19]

*94. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed to regularise status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45935/19]

*95. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if consideration will be given to upgrading stamp status to facilitate access to the workplace in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45936/19]

*96. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will set aside the deportation order in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45937/19]

*97. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45938/19]

*98. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency position in regard to stamp 4 and eligibility to take-up employment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45939/19]

*99. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if stamp 4 status will be granted in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45940/19]

*100. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) will be offered a dependent residency status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45941/19]

*101. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if temporary leave to remain can be granted in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45942/19]

*102. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will address a matter in relation to the case of a person (details supplied) on compassionate and health grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45943/19]

*103. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a full review of the case of a person (details supplied) will be undertaken with a view to temporary or extended residency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45944/19]

*104. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the relevant documentation sought in the case of a person (details supplied) has been received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45945/19]

*105. 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. [45946/19]

*106. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the proposed decision to deport will be reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45947/19]

*107. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the likely residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45948/19]

*108. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding the residency status and consideration for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45949/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) will be granted permission to join their spouse here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45950/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) will have their status upgraded and a travel document issued to facilitate a family visit of a parent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45951/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the additional information required in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45952/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when stamp 4 will be updated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45953/19]

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

*113. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she has undertaken an analysis on the trade risks to the pharmaceutical and medtech industry here from the United States of America; the contingencies in place to mitigate against such risks; the number of companies in such industries that export to the US; the number of persons employed in companies in such industries that export to the US; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45989/19]

*114. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the uptake of each Brexit related support to date in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [45872/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the latest data on the percentage of firms without a formal Brexit plan in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [45873/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when a work permit application will be considered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45954/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the efforts she is making in conjunction with the IDA to secure foreign direct investment for a business park (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45973/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of persons employed in the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry by region and type of manufacturing, for example, regular medicines, biological medicines and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45988/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the way in which Ireland has fallen to its lowest ranking in the 12 year history of the World Bank ease of doing business global rankings in its 2020 report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [46002/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of approved applicants to the Brexit loan scheme that have and have not drawn down funding in the four month eligibility period in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [46003/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of approved applicants to the future growth loan scheme that have and have not drawn down funding in the six month eligibility period in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [46004/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will consider carrying out an analysis of the impact of patent expiry and other risks for biological medicines on medicines production, that is, manufacturing here and related employment and foreign direct investment impacts; and if she discussed this matter with the Minister for Finance. — Robert Troy. [46005/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*123. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which counselling services through Tusla can be expanded and made more readily available; if training courses for such counsellors are being provided; if so, the extent to which they are provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45793/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Health if reimbursable alternative medication will be approved in the case of a person (details supplied) who was previously in receipt of such provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45796/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health if the fair deal scheme will be made available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45797/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45799/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the HPV vaccine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45811/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health the evidence that the HPV vaccine prevents cancer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45812/19]

*129. 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. [45818/19]

*130. 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. [45819/19]

*131. 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. [45820/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the overcrowding issue being experienced in the adult psychiatric unit at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45824/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult cases admitted to the psychiatric unit at University Hospital Waterford in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of adult discharges that occurred in the same period at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45825/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult cases transferred from the psychiatric unit at University Hospital Waterford to another similar facility due to overcrowding issues at University Hospital Waterford 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. [45826/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the staffing numbers at the psychiatric unit at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45827/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a new psychiatric unit at University Hospital Waterford; the progress made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45828/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide appropriate step-down services for psychiatric patients both adults and children at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45829/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure all staff are trained in children first to address the needs of children being admitted to mental health services at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45830/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to improve access to appropriate facilities for all child cases being admitted to mental health services at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45831/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that children will not be admitted to the adult psychiatric unit at University Hospital Waterford and that appropriate care is provided to children in the appropriate setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45832/19]

*141. 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. [45833/19]

*142. 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. [45835/19]

*143. 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. [45836/19]

*144. 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. [45837/19]

*145. 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. [45838/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health the form of insulation materials being used in the build of the national children's hospital; and if they are fully compliant with standards required for fire safety in buildings over eighteen metres in height. — Catherine Martin. [45855/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health if an application by an organisation (details supplied) for funding under the HSE community and voluntary supports grant for older persons will be supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45859/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time it takes for Tallaght Hospital to deal with letters from general practitioners for patients that may need hip replacements; the time period between first seeing a consultant and having the operation; and the number on the waiting list at the hospital for hip and other joint replacements. — Bríd Smith. [45870/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health the likely timeframe for a person (details supplied) to access healthcare for a hip replacement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45871/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health if underspending in national or regional drug strategy funding can be applied for by local front line community based addiction services such as a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45878/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Health if reports will be addressed in relation to the fact that front-line community based addiction services are considering winding down their services due to the lack of funding in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45879/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Health the projects and initiatives delivered and in progress under Sláintecare in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [45898/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Health if it will be clarified to parents that are signing consent forms for children that are receiving the HPV vaccine gardasil 9 that it is a black triangle medical product; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45905/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the importance of preventative medicine as part of the health strategy; the reason the annual podiatry clinics were not available in County Galway in 2019 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45906/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the operation of the maternity and infant care scheme in respect of postnatal general practitioner visits; if there has been a change to the schedule of permitted reasons for additional visits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45914/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [45917/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the availability of a full medical card in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45955/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health when an assessment in respect of dyslexia will be arranged in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45956/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health when an assessment of educational needs and support will be carried out in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45958/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health when the psychologist post in Kilcock, County Kildare is likely to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45960/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the availability of a full medical card in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45963/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health when approval will be given to a successful tender to alleviate parking problems at the primary care centre, Harbour Street, Mullingar, County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [45974/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health when additional home help hours will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [45977/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding section 39 payments relating to funding for cover for sick leave and maternity benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [45979/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health the details of figures he provided at his Budget 2020 press conference for the cost in 2020 of the changes to the income limits for the over 70s medical card announced in the Budget; and the estimated full year cost of the measure. — Stephen Donnelly. [46001/19]

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

*166. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the provision of an independent sectoral regulator in the beef and retail sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [45798/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the new care fund of Bord na gCon was set up; the initiatives and programmes the new fund will cover; the amount spent on each initiative and programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [45858/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of discussions at the most recent EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council meeting regarding CAP proposals post-2020, national strategic plans, environmental measures being considered, distribution of payments, transitional proposals being considered and discussions on EU MFF proposals. — Charlie McConalogue. [45861/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if CAP transition measures (details supplied) proposed by the EU Commission would result in cuts to direct payments in October 2020 and cuts in farm schemes under pillar 2 to farmers here; and the process involved for the decision to become final. — Charlie McConalogue. [45862/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on social farming here; the funding breakdown between Exchequer and EU sources; and the 2019 and 2020 allocations. — Charlie McConalogue. [45863/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 325 of 8 October 2019, the number of applicants selected for a remote sensing inspection in respect of the various 2019 area based schemes; the number of inspections in respect of the cases that have taken place; the number finalised and processed to payment stage; and the number of such applicants that have and have not received their 2019 payments by county in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [45864/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of approved applicants into each 2019 area based scheme in pillar 1 and 2; the number of such applicants selected for inspection; the number of applicants that have had their inspection and are awaiting their advance payment; the number of applicants that have had their inspection and received their advance payment; and the number of applicants that have not had their inspection to date and are awaiting payment by county in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [45865/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the 2020 allocation to the BEEP scheme; if additional measures to the existing scheme will be added; the process involved; and if approval from the EU Commission has been sought in this regard. — Charlie McConalogue. [45866/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the EU Commission has been contacted regarding adding measures or introducing new schemes to give effect to the €40 million for targeted supports for the beef sector announced in Budget 2020. — Charlie McConalogue. [45867/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the recent spending review of the TB eradication programme carried out by the IGEEES; and his views in

relation to an organisation (details supplied) regarding the review. — Charlie McConalogue. [45868/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a basic payment entitlement for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [45887/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the record of Dáil Éireann in relation to the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 79 of 15 October 2019 (details supplied) will be corrected. — Paul Murphy. [45888/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the criteria required for the installation of an anaerobic digester; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [45897/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress of the prohibition of mink farming Bill on the banning of fur farming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [45904/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce regulations to eradicate hoof wall separation disease in Connemara ponies; the steps taken to date to control the disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45910/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will be issued on a felling licence application by a person (details supplied); the reason no decision has been given in relation to the application to date; if details of the natura impact statement required in this case have been conveyed to the person; if such a statement has been received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45912/19]

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

*182. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the criteria required for installation of an anaerobic digester; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [45901/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason for the price differential regarding the National Broadband Plan price per household here versus a project (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to a company bidding for the project; if the involvement of the company will impede the delivery of broadband here in view of it being the preferred bidder here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45902/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to sign the contract for the National Broadband Plan on 12 November 2019. — Jack Chambers. [45919/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has received state aid approval from the European Commission further to mapping queries on the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [45920/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the financial risk to the State in the event that the National Broadband Plan is found to not be compatible with state aid rules by the European Commission following a mapping consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [45921/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the National Broadband Plan; when the maps that are being re-examined for the intervention area will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [46006/19]

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

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a person (details supplied) will be provided with records being held by DCC or the NDLS with regard to their original Irish driver licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45842/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which a person with a valid UK driver licence obtained by being a holder of a Canadian driver licence can ensure they will legally be able to drive here in the event of the UK leaving the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45843/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Irish Rail has a security programme in place to deter antisocial behaviour and crime on rail services; the amount spent by Irish Rail on security programmes on rail services in each of the years 2011 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [45841/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the service by Dublin Bus from Dublin Airport to Dublin Heuston station accepts free travel cards from commuters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [45854/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 224 of 24 October 2019, the details of the allocated €91 million to the two principal active travel funding programmes under Budget 2020; the specific projects it is planned to cover; and the breakdown between walking and cycling. — Catherine Martin. [45856/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 224 of 24 October 2019, the breakdown of the €48 million towards the two principal active travel funding programmes; and the projects covered. — Catherine Martin. [45857/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the systems and procedures put in place at ports and airports to prepare for Brexit have been subjected to testing by external experts as of 31 October 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [45877/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason relevant qualifications of a person (details supplied) are not being taken into account when applying to be a CVRT tester; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [45881/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which he plans to address the concerns of wheelchair users that the new buses being purchased to ensure that the entire public bus fleet is wheelchair accessible and notwithstanding the fact that they are compliant with UNECE regulation 107 are not sufficient for those that use a larger motorised wheelchair to accommodate

their needs; the discussions he has had with the European Commission on this point and the need to change EU regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45884/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number and value of capital payments distributed to Dublin City Council from the National Transport Authority for the funding of cycling infrastructure and schemes; the number and value of capital payments allocated for distribution to Dublin City Council for the funding of cycling infrastructure and schemes from the National Transport Authority in each of the years 2019 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [45903/19]

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

*198. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which counselling services through Tusla can be expanded and made more readily available; if training courses for such counsellors are being provided; if so, the extent to which they are provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45794/19]

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

*199. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the security devices funded by his Department or agencies under his remit for the protection of older persons in their homes; if this can include security cameras; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45911/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there is an appeal system for the town and village renewal scheme or a process for reviewing shortfalls in relation to an application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [45916/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the decision not to accept the expression of interest under the community services programme made on behalf of a project (details supplied) will be reviewed. — Robert Troy. [45971/19]

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

*202. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when an allowance will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45795/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance for a person (details supplied) in County Kildare. — Sean Sherlock. [45822/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on a partial capacity benefit application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [45834/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of arrears due to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [45840/19]

*206. 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. [45848/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason persons that go on a community employment scheme directly from being on jobseeker's benefit are not awarded the fuel allowance during their second year on the scheme in view of the fact that such persons if they had remained on jobseeker's benefit and progressed to jobseeker's allowance would receive the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45907/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the maximum rate of payment before means are deducted under the farm fish assist scheme for a 22-year-old person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45908/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the rise in working hours for carers announced in Budget 2020 from 15 to 18.5 hours from January 2020 is applicable to carer's benefit and carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [45918/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a free fuel allowance will be offered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45964/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an extended placement on the Tús programme will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45965/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration will be given to exceptional needs or other appropriate payments in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45967/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the appropriate support available in the case of a person (details supplied) with no dependents in receipt of invalidity pension in circumstances in which the total rent is €500 per month and they receive €270 by the way of rent support; if the matter will be examined with a view to clarification as to the reason rent support remains at just over half the rental cost; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45968/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which rent support is available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45969/19]

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

*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he is satisfied that the fire authorities here have the capacity to respond effectively to a fire in a high rise residential development in view of the Grenfell fire tragedy in the UK; if there is a national training centre to train fire service personnel in high rise firefighting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [45880/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will contact local authorities to ascertain their policies in relation to housing applications for returning Irish emigrants (details supplied); if the necessary changes will be made to ensure the process is as straightforward and transparent as possible in relation to assisting and facilitating housing applications for returning Irish emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [45846/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the criteria required for installation of an anaerobic digester; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [45900/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 560 of 24 September 2019, the status of actions he is taking following the report of the baseline review group; and when he plans to publish the report. — Róisín Shortall. [45925/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of applications made to the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme in 2018 and to date in 2019, by county and or local authority; the number of applications approved; the amount of funding provided to each local authority in 2018 and to date in 2019; if local authorities have made applications for further funding in respect of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45927/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason for a use it or lose it criteria attached to fast-track planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [45975/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the funding available for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan; the drawdown to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [45976/19]

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

*222. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the period of time during which it is permitted to cut hedges and ditches here; the position regarding the levy of fines that can be imposed in circumstances in which landowners do not cut their hedges which can cause difficulty for road users; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [45926/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the way in which areas will be classified as wetlands by her Department in relation to the proposed banning by the European Commission of lead pellet firearm cartridges for use in wetland areas in the EU; the mapping technology under consideration to aid this approach; if there will be a public consultation period established to hear from stakeholders on the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [45928/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will coordinate a range of appropriate State commemorative events to mark the 1,500th anniversary of the birth of St. Colmcille in December 2020, working in cooperation with the National Museum, the National Monuments Service, an organisation (details supplied) and Donegal County Council; and if she will liaise with her counterparts internationally to mark the anniversary. — Pearse Doherty. [45933/19]