DÁIL ÉIREANN

Déardaoin, 14 Samhain, 2019
Thursday, 14th November, 2019

CEISTEANNA
QUESTIONS
1. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when supplementary estimates will be brought forward for 2019; the estimated amount required for supplementary estimates in 2019; the Departments that will require extra funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [46823/19]

2. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the capital projects that are to be delayed or deferred in the years of the National Development Plan as a result of cost overruns such as the national children’s hospital and National Broadband Plan, which the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council calculate could reduce funding for capital projects by as much as €17 billion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47029/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the acreage of State land managed by the OPW that has been transferred to the Land Development Agency for the development of residential units; the number of units that have been delivered; the number of acres that will be transferred to the agency in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [46825/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the escalating costs of the national children’s hospital will require changes to his budget projections or to promised capital expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [46799/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the role of his Department in 2019 and 2020 in the implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2019 for his Department and across Departments generally; if estimates of the net cost of the plan are available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [46785/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the reviewed and revised public spending code will be published in view repeated overruns in large-scale capital projects; the way in which it will address the deficiencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46895/19]
7. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on whether there has been an under-provision for demographics in 2020 in view of the fact the new demographics provision in the IGEES analysis is €511 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [46824/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated expenditure savings in 2019 and 2020 from the operation of the National Shared Services Office; his plans in this regard in relation to finance shared services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [46786/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he remains satisfied that good practice in terms of public expenditure and reform remains in place and capable of dealing with possible overruns throughout the public sector throughout the course of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46864/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has met with Fingal County Council to address the issue of coastal erosion in Portrane, County Dublin; if funding has been provided to prevent further erosion in view of commitments to tackle the climate emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [46890/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the public procurement threshold will be increased from €25,000 in view of the impact same is having on SMEs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [46498/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his position on the pay of senior civil servants and the proposed review of same by the Public Service Pay Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [46801/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the timeline for the publication of an updated public spending code; his plans to develop a new governance and assurance process for major projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [46857/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his role in selecting the Chief Procurement Officer; if the CEO of the Office of Government Procurement will have a future role in the management of costs at the proposed new national children’s hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [46802/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which counties Kildare and Laois will benefit from the National Development Plan particularly in view of overspend on the national children’s hospital; the timelines for these benefits to be put into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [46782/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of improvement works at the Tara Hill complex, County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [45282/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the preferred options for the flood relief works on the Sullane River, Ballyvourney, County Cork will be finalised; the impediments delaying the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [46899/19]
18. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the public sector reforms he plans to pursue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [46858/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has considered updating the format of the capital tracker to mark projects as delayed; the date on which construction will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [46826/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost in one full year of providing funding for a pension scheme for community employment supervisors in line with a previous Labour Court recommendation of 2008 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [46803/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if financial assistance is available for persons that have to relocate their homes due to constant flooding; if so, the level of funding provided for this scheme in 2019; the projected drawdown at year end; the level of funding to be provided in 2020; the details of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [46845/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if green procurement will be incorporated into the public procurement code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [46499/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of State assets sold since 2016; the use made of the proceeds of the sales; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [46861/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of exceptions granted to the general pay caps in the public service, specifically for special advisors to Ministers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [46800/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects further reform to play a meaningful role in ensuring prudent expenditure and good value for money in the course of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46865/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding coastal protection in County Wexford, particularly at Ballygeary and Rosslare Harbour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [46061/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date by which the necessary Brexit infrastructure at ports is expected to be completed by the Office of Public Works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46898/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the timeline to publish a report on the consultation process of the strategic review of the Phoenix Park by the Office of Public Works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [46859/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the timeline for works on Rush Garda station; the date the station is scheduled to be reopened by; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [46889/19]
30. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the funding allocated in 2019 for local authorities to carry out low-cost flood relief schemes; the projected drawdown of the funding at year end; the funding allocated for the schemes in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [46844/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps he plans to take to ensure that persons from minority backgrounds are better represented in recruitment to the civil service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [46026/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on the work of the Office of Government Procurement and the cross-Departmental social considerations advisory group towards incorporating social and environmental considerations in public procurement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [46860/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the legislation will be introduced to ring fence the increase in carbon tax in 2020; the assurances that can be given that the correct funding will be allocated to expenditure on climate change and fuel poverty initiatives in 2020 and onwards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [46827/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current position and estimates with regard to expenditures under supplementary estimates which may be presented to Dáil Éireann before the end of 2019; if future developments on Brexit post 12 December 2019 next may influence such estimates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [46788/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to request an independent evaluation of the work of the Office of Government Procurement; the procedures for the publication and scheduling of contracts and frameworks agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [46787/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the saving measures recommended by the health budget oversight group and shared with his Department for the remainder of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46894/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of persons recruited to date to the civil service on panels specifically reserved for those with a competency in Irish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [46027/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the capital allocation for flooding projects from 2020 to 2025; if the projects have been identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46896/19]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the ambassador to Colombia has concluded their visit to La Guajira and a region (details supplied) to carry out fact
finding work; if he has received a report from the ambassador on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [46949/19]

*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his officials have recently contacted the ESB regarding its continued purchasing of coal from a mine (details supplied); his plans in relation to a national plan for business and human rights; and his views on reported human rights abuses and environmental degradation in the region due to the mine and the importation of coal from same to here. — Seán Crowe. [46950/19]

*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has made representations to his Spanish and French counterparts or ambassadors in relation to 349 Basque prisoners that were members of ETA, which has been on ceasefire for some considerable time and that are held in various prisons outside of the Basque country, to have these returned to the Basque country; if he has spoken to the Spanish authorities regarding the experiences of the peace process here in relation to the importance of prisoner issues being dealt with to cement the peace process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [46960/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*42. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has been lobbied in relation to flat rate VAT on feedlots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [46944/19]

*43. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of a VAT return for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46946/19]

*44. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to threats to the operation of the retail export scheme as a consequence of the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Act 2019. — Micheál Martin. [46984/19]

*45. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the practice in which the retail export scheme facilitates tourists that are visiting Ireland from outside the European Union claim a value added tax refund on all purchases above a threshold of €0.01 which has helped to encourage higher levels of spending and increased visits to Ireland by non-EU tourists is now in danger as a result of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [46985/19]

*46. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to commence the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Act 2019 which will fundamentally alter the retail export scheme by introducing a new minimum threshold of €175 which will result in all non-EU tourists having to spend a minimum of €175 before they can claim back VAT on their holiday purchases in the event of a no-deal Brexit; his views on whether this will have a negative impact on the tourism sector; if an analysis has been carried out on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [46986/19]

*47. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated first and full year costs of proposals by the OECD (details supplied) based on latest data. — Robert Troy. [46990/19]

*48. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding probate and credit unions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47006/19]

*49. To ask the Minister for Finance the list of projects backed by a company (details supplied) in tabular form; the amount invested by the company in each project; the number of homes planned
for each project; the number of homes built in each project; the funding invested to date from the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund; the details of a new private funder of the company; the way in which it is being invested from this source; if this is in addition to funding from an investment firm (details supplied) and the ISIF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [47032/19]

*50. To ask the Minister for Finance when he expects to bring forward the central bank (amendment) Bill; when the legislation will be passed; when he expects the new regulations will be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [47034/19]

*51. To ask the Minister for Finance when legislation is being introduced to ringfence the increase in carbon tax in 2020 and onwards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [47035/19]

*52. To ask the Minister for Finance if he continues to plan to not invest €500 million into the Rainy Day Fund from the Exchequer in 2019 in view of Brexit; if so, his plans for €500 million; if it will be used in 2019 on expenditure; if it will be kept in the Exchequer account until 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [47036/19]

*53. To ask the Minister for Finance the projects which he has identified for drawing down funding from the European Fund for Strategic Investments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [47061/19]

*54. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of project applications entered under the European Fund for Strategic Investments from 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of successful agreements to date; the estimated amount of expected drawdown of funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [47062/19]

*55. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of project applications entered under the European Investment Bank for investment and infrastructure projects from 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of successful agreements to date; the estimated amount of expected drawdown of funds annually; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [47063/19]

*56. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of EU member states that are prepared to increase national contributions to the EU budget and MFF 2021 to 2027 in order to increase spending for CAP; the number of member states that are against increasing national contributions to the EU budget proposed by the European Commission in May 2018; and the increased national percentage in GNI terms required for each member state to increase contributions to prevent proposed cuts to CAP post-2020. — Charlie McConalogue. [47072/19]

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

*57. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the funds allocated to Ireland over the 2014 to 2020 period and expended in each year and to date in 2019 between Exchequer and EU funding to the PEACE IV 2014-2020 Programme for Peace and Reconciliation and INTERREG in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [47059/19]

*58. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of public buildings that have been retrofitted; the climate action measures being implemented across such buildings,
the Leinster House campus and buildings housing Departments in view of the age of some of the buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41403/19]

*59. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he expects Departments to reform in the current year thereby making a positive contribution to the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46972/19]

*60. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the monetary value of the reforms incorporated in policy in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46973/19]

*61. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which reforms within various Departments have contributed to savings and economic improvement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46974/19]

*62. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which his Department continue to rely on reform throughout the public sector as a means of bridging budgetary gaps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46975/19]

*63. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects reform within the public sector to be delivered in the current year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46976/19]

*64. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he is satisfied that adequate steps are being taken to promote reform within each Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46977/19]

*65. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he has addressed the issue of FEMPI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46978/19]

*66. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which each item of public expenditure remains on target throughout the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46979/19]

*67. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he continues to monitor the performance in both the public and private sectors with a view to ensuring a reasonable degree of equality throughout the economy in terms of opportunities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46980/19]

*68. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the recruitment throughout the public sector in the context of economic recovery to date; the expectation in respect of future recruitments throughout the sector in 2020 and thereafter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46981/19]

*69. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of project applications entered by the State under the European Structural and Investment Funds from 2014 to 2021, in tabular form; the number of successful agreements to date; the estimated amount of expected drawdown of funds; and the number of projects that support business growth and employability, skills development, investment and access to finance, develop green infrastructure and support social enterprise. — Robert Troy. [47064/19]
*70. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the funds allocated to Ireland over the 2014 to 2020 period and expended in each year to date; the breakdown between Exchequer funding and EU funding (details supplied) in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47067/19]

*71. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if Ireland will be eligible for EU cohesion funding in the MFF 2021-2027. — Dara Calleary. [47073/19]

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

*72. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the funds allocated to Ireland over the 2014 to 2020 period and expended in each year to date; the breakdown between Exchequer funding and EU funding (details supplied) in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47067/19]

*73. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 276 of 5 November 2019, if the additional accommodation will be in place for a school (details supplied) for the commencement of the 2020/2021 school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [46908/19]

*74. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 276 of 5 November 2019, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some students have not been offered a place in a school in the area despite applying for each commutable school in the town and surrounding districts; his views on whether this is fair; and his plans to address same. — Louise O’Reilly. [46909/19]

*75. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the safe checks in place to authenticate the votes cast in the recent secondary school patronage processes to ensure that the PPS numbers and Eircode of those that voted in the process correlate with eligible voters, that is, children in second to sixth year classes which correlate with their home address in the eligible school planning area. — Róisín Shortall. [46915/19]

*76. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school building project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [46948/19]

*77. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application for further tuition hours by a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [46954/19]

*78. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of students that sat their Leaving Certificate in 2019 that had their appeals fee refunded subsequent to a successful re-check of an exam paper. — Catherine Martin. [46964/19]

*79. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a primary school project (details supplied) in Kildare to move to pre-qualification of tender process. — Martin Heydon. [46970/19]

*80. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will publish the review of the apportionment methodology for Bus Éireann mentioned at the Committee of Public Accounts meeting on 13 December 2018 on the provision of school transport that was completed in March 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [46997/19]

*81. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a verification check will be carried out on the calculation of maintenance charges for the years 2011 to 2014; if a verification check was made as indicated by the Comptroller and Auditor General in respect of the alteration in the maintenance
charge from paragraph 5.1.2 of the 1975 agreement; his views on whether the new charge will give a surplus to Bus Éireann in view of the fact school buses do less kilometres than expressway buses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [46998/19]

*82. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the Comptroller and Auditor General was correct when they informed the Committee of Public Accounts on 13 December 2018 on a matter (details supplied); his views on whether the EU Commission State Aid Investigation Case 31/2007 2014 based its decision on wrong information; if the EU Commission based its decision on wrong information, if he will inform the Commission and publish the amount of surplus, that is, profits for the ten years prior to 2011 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [46999/19]

*83. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a capital grant application by a school (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [47008/19]

*84. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a capital grant application by a school (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [47039/19]

*85. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the ex-gratia scheme of compensation for victims of child sexual abuse in day schools; the number of applications made; the number of awards made; the average value of amount awarded; the funding allocation made to the scheme for this purpose; if he is satisfied with the adequacy of the terms of the scheme to meet the needs of victims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [47048/19]

*86. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter (details supplied) with regard to third-level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [47049/19]

*87. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount allocated to Ireland under the European Social Fund under the MFF programme 2014 to 2020 and in the proposed 2021 to 2027 MFF programme in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47066/19]

*88. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount allocated to Ireland under the European Social Fund education and training, Erasmus PRO and the youth employment initiative budget for the 2014 to 2020 period (details supplied) in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47068/19]

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

*89. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons living in direct provision granted work permits; the number that have joined the workforce; if they have joined the workforce, if they are still living in direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [46943/19]

*90. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to establish a transport police unit or service within An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O’Brien. [46971/19]

*91. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a second competition for promotions to the rank of Deputy Garda Commissioner will be conducted; if he will review the existing criteria for the position in view of the fact that all recent applicants were rejected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [46989/19]
92. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position in regard to residency and an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47009/19]

93. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position in regard to eligibility for long-term residency and eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47010/19]

94. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency position and eligibility for stamp 4 and naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47011/19]

95. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when stamp 2 will be renewed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47012/19]

96. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of eligibility for stamp 4 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47013/19]

97. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when it will be possible to update a stamp 4 due to expire in December 2019 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47014/19]

98. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of eligibility for naturalisation in case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47015/19]

99. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of a Nigerian national that is in this jurisdiction and in a permanent relationship; if their case falls to be dealt with under the terms of the Dublin Convention or otherwise post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47016/19]

100. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if family reunification terms will be made available to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47017/19]

101. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position in respect of a determination of eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47018/19]

102. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position in respect of a determination of eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47019/19]

103. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47020/19]
*104. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determinisation of eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47021/19]

*105. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a decision to deport will be set aside in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47022/19]

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

*106. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the details of the Halo Business Angel Network run by InterTradeIreland; the current and capital budget allocation for the programme in each of the years 2016 to 2020, in tabular form; the number of participants in each year of the programme; and the maximum funding permitted for each successful investment. — Robert Troy. [46991/19]

*107. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the name and location of each community enterprise centre by county in tabular form; the current and capital budget allocation for community enterprise centres in each of the years 2016 to 2020, in tabular form; and the number of staff employed in each community enterprise centre on account basis. — Robert Troy. [46992/19]

*108. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the value of fees charged by local enterprise offices to start-ups and existing micro-enterprise clients in mentoring sessions provided in one-to-one business advice clinics in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; if there is a set fee in each LEO office; the average fee charged for a mentoring session annually; the limit of the number of sessions a start-up or micro-enterprise client can participate in during the year; and the number of sessions that took place in each year over the period in question. — Robert Troy. [46993/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the value of all fees charged by external experts to micro-enterprises client of local enterprise offices for mentoring sessions provided on an appointment basis in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; if there is a set fee for a mentoring session; the average fee charged for a mentoring session annually; the limit of the number of sessions a micro-enterprise client can participate in during the year; and the number of sessions that took place in each year over the period in question. — Robert Troy. [46994/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of mentoring sessions provided to LEO clients in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and the annual allocation for LEO mentoring services in each year over this period and the Budget 2020 allocation. — Robert Troy. [46995/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the position taken in the recent OECD report on SMEs (details supplied) regarding LEO mentoring services, that there may be greater latent demand for LEO mentoring services than supply. — Robert Troy. [46996/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if consideration will be given to an application for a work permit in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47024/19]
*113. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the amount allocated separately to research and development under the MFF programmes 2007 to 2013, 2014 to 2020 and in the proposed 2021 to 2027 programme in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47065/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*114. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can claim back some or all of the cost of a hip replacement surgery. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [46907/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Health if a bed can be secured for a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [46910/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Health the status of legislation governing minimum unit pricing for the sale of alcohol; and the efforts being made to ensure this legislation is not further delayed and sale of alcohol controls are put in place as soon as possible. — Robert Troy. [46912/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address matters regarding the case of persons with type one diabetes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [46913/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for reimbursement of payments made by patients under the cross border healthcare directive. — Louise O’Reilly. [46916/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken to expedite the reimbursement of payments made by patients under the cross border healthcare directive; and if contingency plans have been put in place for patients that may become financially vulnerable if there are delays in the reimbursement process. — Louise O’Reilly. [46917/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 667 of 5 November 2019, when the post will be released from the national office; the reason the national office is delaying the release of the post; if there is an expected start date for the speech therapist; and if not, the reason therefor. — Louise O’Reilly. [46923/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours provided in 2018; and the overall cost for the hours in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [46924/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours provided in 2018 provided by private home help providers; and the overall cost for the hours in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [46925/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours provided in 2018 provided by the HSE; and the overall cost for the hours in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [46926/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours provided in 2018 provided by the not-for-profit sector; and the overall cost for the hours in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [46927/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health the number of long-stay beds provided by the HSE for the elderly in Nenagh, County Tipperary; his plans for future numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [46933/19]
*126. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a fully accessible accommodation operated by an organisation (details supplied) is set to close due to funding and refurbishment issues; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that there will be approximately 40 job losses; if he will intervene to reverse the decision of the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [46939/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons resident here that have availed of genetic testing in other EU states under the cross border directive in each year since 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [46957/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 198 of 17 October 2019, the breakdown detailing the remaining amount of funding allocation (details supplied) expended in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [46963/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the sodium valproate response report which was recently presented to him; the actions or outcomes anticipated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [46966/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a number of sexual health clinics including a clinic (details supplied) are still using the gardasil 4 HPV vaccines instead of the gardasil 9 HPV vaccine; if recipients of the gardasil 4 HPV vaccine will be invited to receive the gardasil 9 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [46967/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [46983/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a MRI for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [46987/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the positions in CHO2 that were offered to successful applicants in quarter 2 of 2019 but are yet to be filled; the location of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [47000/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the large amount of official business carried out with general practitioners by post rather than by email; the estimated saving that would be made in the system if all of this was done electronically; the steps being taken to replace a paper approach by an electronic approach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [47001/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have been assisted to leave congregated settings in each year since 2016; and the number of persons in congregated settings at the end of 2016 to 2018 and the latest date available in 2019. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [47003/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health the number of suppliers of medicinal cannabis approved to supply the compassionate access programme; if the approved suppliers have the EU good manufacturing process standard; and if conditional licences have been granted subject to the supplier achieving this standard. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [47004/19]
*137. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be referred for attention under the treatment purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47023/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health when a centre (details supplied) will be operational; the reason for the delay; if it is planned to open in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [47031/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health if changes have been made to the way in which prescription medication is dispensed in pharmacies (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [47038/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the community intervention team based in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [47040/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to resource and implement the national Traveller health action plan including a commitment to ring-fence funding; and his plans for the establishment of an institutional mechanism with the HSE and his Department to drive the delivery and implementation of same. — Louise O’Reilly. [47041/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health the role of his Department in the development, approval and implementation of the forthcoming national Traveller health action plan. — Louise O’Reilly. [47042/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to reinstate the €1.8 million that was used to balance HSE accounts (details supplied) in view of the disproportionate disinvestment in Traveller health as highlighted by Traveller organisations in 2009 to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health and Children and recently in the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Key Issues affecting the Traveller Community. — Louise O’Reilly. [47043/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to prioritise and fast-track Travellers in access to universal free general practitioner healthcare within the next five years in view of Sláintecare recommendations and health inequalities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [47044/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase resources to address Traveller health inequalities from the additional funding allocated in Budget 2020. — Louise O’Reilly. [47045/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide better terms and conditions for Traveller community health workers (details supplied). — Louise O’Reilly. [47046/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that existing health policy such as Sláintecare and new and existing strategies or policies are Traveller proofed to ensure that distinct health needs and significant health inequalities in relation to Travellers are addressed. — Louise O’Reilly. [47047/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health when osimertinib will be approved for reimbursement to replace tareeva for the treatment of patients with a specific type of lung cancer; if the HPRA has commissioned a review of the effectiveness of the new drug; if it will consider granting it to patients here in view of the relatively modest cost due to the small number of patients suffering with this specific form of lung cancer; if the HPRA and his Department have spoken to consultants
here that are recommending their patients be treated with this drug; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [47050/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a new transport charge of €4 for persons with disabilities that are travelling to HSE day services has been introduced in County Sligo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [47058/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health the number of scoliosis procedures undertaken in each of the past five years to date; the number availing of such treatments on a daily and weekly basis in each of the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47070/19]

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

*151. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funds allocated to Ireland over the 2014 to 2020 period and expended in each year to date; the breakdown between Exchequer funding and EU funding (details supplied) in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47067/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a BEEP application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46911/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of horses seized and or impounded for trespass and for non-compliance with chipping law and regulation by county in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [46932/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the policy of Teagasc towards stakeholder engagement; the bodies that are designated stakeholders; the way in which they are routinely consulted; his views on whether environmental organisations are stakeholders; and the approach of his Department to stakeholder engagement with environmental organisations. — Thomas Pringle. [46938/19]

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

*155. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if construction and demolition waste landfill availability and recycling facilities capacity has been reviewed; if his Department has contacted the Environmental Protection Agency on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [47028/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he has taken with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to support the production of domestic biomass to supply Lanesboro and Shannonbridge power stations in advance of the decision by the ESB not to proceed with planning for both plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [46928/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the transition protocol needed to facilitate the development of legacy offshore renewable energy projects which
is required under action 25 of the Climate Action Plan 2019; the work carried out to date to develop the protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [46937/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to a LNG terminal for Cork Harbour; and his views on same. — Sean Sherlock. [46962/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there is grant aid available to farmers to increase the electricity supplies to their farm enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [46965/19]

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

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funds allocated to Ireland over the 2014 to 2020 period and expended in each year to date; the breakdown between Exchequer funding and EU funding (details supplied) in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47067/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when successful applications for the latest tranche of sports capital funding will be notified of the result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46914/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if correspondence in relation to a project (details supplied) in County Cork will be provided. — Sean Sherlock. [46942/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the cost in each of the past five years for Bus Éireann to hire buses to operate its routes; the fees received by each of the private bus operators over this period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O’Brien. [46961/19]

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

*164. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding provided to the education and training boards for youth services in each of the years 2016 to 2019 by regional ETB. — Róisín Shortall. [46940/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children in State care that are the children of mothers that grew up in State care. — Kathleen Funchion. [46955/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the percentage of children in foster care that come from a Traveller background. — Kathleen Funchion. [46956/19]

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

*167. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there is funding available to replace a community bus at a service (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47002/19]
Chun an Aire Gníothaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

*168. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of pensions for community employment supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46945/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the funds allocated to Ireland over the 2014 to 2020 period and expended in each year to date; the breakdown between Exchequer funding and EU funding (details supplied) in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47067/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer’s allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46905/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [46906/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application for illness benefit by a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [46929/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application for carer’s allowance by a person (details supplied) will be backdated to the original application which was submitted in March 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [46934/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the living alone allowance will be considered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [46941/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46947/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is only receiving a State pension (contributory) of €186.20 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [46953/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if jobseeker’s allowance will be made available for those eligible from 65 years of age that are forced to retire when the pension age increases to 67 years of age in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [46958/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for a reduction in a payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46959/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason correspondence sent to her Dublin Central Oireachtas enquiry email address on 21 and 24 October 2019 failed to receive a response; if she will arrange for the issues raised in an email (details supplied) to be
addressed as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [46988/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) cannot claim treatment benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [47007/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on a carer’s allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [47030/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a matter regarding a carer’s allowance for a person (details supplied) will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47069/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a person that retires from a local authority prior to 65 years of age is immediately entitled to a percentage payment of the public service superannuation scheme (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [46919/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of applications for Rebuilding Ireland home loans made to each local authority to date in 2019; the number approved; the number drawn down; the value of loans drawn down; the number pending and which cannot be approved due to funding constraints; the value of pending applications by local authority; the funding which will be made available in 2020; the mechanisms which will determine the way in which it will be distributed to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [46920/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the resource implications of borrowing for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan; if borrowings are on the Government balance sheet; his plans to augment the amount available; the amount available since its introduction; the demand by local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [46921/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress in implementing action 25 of the Climate Action Plan 2019 and specifically the completion of the national marine planning framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [46935/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has considered the implications of judgements (details supplied) for the development of linear utility services connections; his views on whether the effect of the judgements will be to delay the delivery of electricity supply connections, fibre optic data connections, gas supply pipelines and other vital infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [46936/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the updated guidelines for windfarms will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [47005/19]
*189. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the expected number of new build units to be delivered in 2019; the targeted number of new builds in 2019 under the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [47025/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the additional resources he has given to Dublin Fire Brigade to reduce fire safety certificate waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [47026/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the additional resources he has given to Irish Water to reduce connection waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [47027/19]