Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a progress report on the work of the Interdepartmental Group on the Security of Ireland’s Electoral Process and Disinformation. — Mary Lou McDonald. [46524/19]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a progress report on the work of the Interdepartmental Group on Security of Ireland’s Electoral Process and Disinformation. — Brendan Howlin. [47364/19]

3. To ask the Taoiseach the role his officials had in the interdepartmental group that finalised proposals in relation to regulating transparency in online political advertising. — Micheál Martin. [47451/19]

4. To ask the Taoiseach the role his officials had in the interdepartmental group into regulating transparency in online political advertising. — Joan Burton. [48842/19]

5. To ask the Taoiseach if a progress report will be provided on the work of the interdepartmental group on the security of Ireland’s Electoral Process and Disinformation. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [48847/19]

6. To ask the Taoiseach the decisions his office recently made with regard to allowances or services available to former Taoisigh. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47380/19]

7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the supports provided by his Department to former Taoisigh. — Brendan Howlin. [48730/19]

8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagement with the DUP. — Joan Burton. [47391/19]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagement with the DUP. — Brendan Howlin. [48731/19]

10. To ask the Taoiseach the role his officials have in implementing the bio-economy framework which was launched a year ago; and the actions that have been taken since. — Micheál Martin. [47452/19]

11. To ask the Taoiseach the role his Department has in implementing the bio-economy framework which was launched a year ago; and the actions that have been taken since. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [49141/19]
12. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff employed in the Britain and Northern Ireland affairs section of his Department. — Micheál Martin. [47453/19]

13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the EU and Northern Ireland division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [47642/19]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the international division in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47832/19]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the EU and Northern Ireland division of his Department. — Joan Burton. [48843/19]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the EU and Northern Ireland affairs section of his Department. — Brendan Howlin. [48732/19]

17. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the work of the international division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49040/19]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the projected costs of the Commission of Investigation into IBRC. — Brendan Howlin. [47365/19]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the 33rd British-Irish Council. — Brendan Howlin. [48539/19]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his hosting of the recent British-Irish Council summit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [47640/19]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if corporation tax was discussed at the British-Irish Council when it met in Farmleigh recently; and if comments were made in relation to corporation tax in Northern Ireland. — Micheál Martin. [48831/19]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his hosting of the recent British-Irish Council summit. — Joan Burton. [48844/19]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47831/19]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit. — Brendan Howlin. [48733/19]

25. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which his Department supports the independent Ministers of Government as outlined in the Statement of Strategy 2016-2019 of his Department. — Micheál Martin. [49131/19]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Citizens’ Assembly will meet to discuss gender equality. — Michael Moynihan. [48829/19]

27. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committee at which Israel and Palestine is discussed. — Micheál Martin. [48835/19]
28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on infrastructure last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49039/19]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on infrastructure last met. — Michael Moynihan. [49129/19]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department with the National Economic and Social Council. — Micheál Martin. [49132/19]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

31. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of BPS applicants that have not received their 2019 advance payment; the reason for non-payment to date; if he will consider providing the advance payment to those farmers that have been selected for onsite and or satellite inspections in view of their severe financial position and the fact that they are greatly depend on such payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [49428/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on recently published figures by the CSO which show that in quarter three of 2019 less than 100,000 persons were employed in the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector, a decline compared to the same quarter in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [48946/19]

33. 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 transitionary provisions for CAP post-2020; his plans to ensure that existing RDP schemes such as ANCs, GLAS, BDGP, sheep welfare and so on will continue for this transition period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [49429/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that have been taken by his Department since 15 October 2019 to get the Beef Taskforce up and running. — Brian Stanley. [49407/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps taken to ensure the beef market taskforce issues are progressed; when he expects a meeting to be held; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [49336/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

36. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to complete all farm inspections for 2019 in order that outstanding single farm payment can issue. — Brian Stanley. [48949/19]
37. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if changes will be made to the organic farming scheme assessment criteria which automatically favours larger farms over smaller farms in view of the fact that 50 of the available 125 marks are awarded based on a size threshold. — Eamon Ryan. [49105/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers waiting on their farm inspections to be completed; and when single farm payments will be fully processed. — Brian Stanley. [48947/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to move farm inspections to the months of June and July to ensure that single farm payments can be paid out on time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [48948/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he expects the income of farm families to be protected notwithstanding the impact from Brexit or other market forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49103/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the delay of a year to get back to applicants for the organic farmers scheme under tranche 2 if only 175 farmers applied; the number of applicants that were successful overall and in County Donegal, respectively; the amount of funding provided for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49078/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made in providing extra lairage facilities at Cherbourg or surrounding area in preparation for spring 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [49126/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to resolve the serious backlog in the issuing of felling licences; and the way in which he plans to deal with the difficulties landholders of small pockets of on-farm forestry face regarding planning permission for small access roads and environmental assessments similar to those needed for large scale forestry. — Brian Stanley. [48950/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the latest developments on the provisional Mercosur agreement; the impact assessments being carried out at EU and national level; the steps he is taking to protect farmers here by ensuring that beef does not form an element of the final Mercosur deal at EU level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [49058/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the Beef Taskforce will meet; the reasons that it has not already met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [49123/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether China and Pakistan are among the countries that do not meet welfare standards here; if he and the Irish Greyhound Board are opposed to direct or indirect exports to these countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [48989/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to recommence the weighing of pelagic species at point of landing; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the weighing of pelagic fish species at point of landing is a flawed approach; if his attention has been further drawn to the serious consequences on the quality of fish; if the sector has been consulted on
the matter; if so, when such meetings took place; the discussions he has had with the control authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [49071/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of horses injured and killed at racecourses and point-to-point events here to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [48988/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the work of the beef taskforce in addressing its objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [49121/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the inaugural meeting of the beef market taskforce in view of the urgent need for same; the reason for the persistent delays in the holding of the meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [49124/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to promote local food trade here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [49051/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to support the growing of biomass crops; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [48915/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to support local food production with particular reference to small farms and facilitating the production of vegetables. — Eamon Ryan. [49104/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on his forthcoming TB eradication strategy; the way in which it proposes to reduce the incidence of the disease here while continuing to support farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [49120/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will direct Bord na gCon to increase its funding to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [48912/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will increase funding to an organisation (details supplied) to enable it to expand its mobile veterinary clinic services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [48913/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the delay in making BPS payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [49008/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the various changes made to the minimum qualifying score for admittance into the organic farmers scheme; the minimum qualifying score; the reason for the changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49079/19]

59. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the approval rate for applications to the organic farming scheme when it re-opened for 30 days in November 2018. — Charlie McConalogue. [49060/19]
60. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if payments under the basic payments scheme and areas of natural constraints scheme are delayed; if so, the way in which he plans to address delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [49122/19]

61. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the recommendation made by the youth assembly to guarantee that 10% of agricultural land is reserved for forestry to increase the overall forest cover here which is below the EU average. — Paul Murphy. [49011/19]

62. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which north west scientific quota for herring impacts on the Lough Foyle herring fishery; his view on if it should be managed separately; if vessels and skippers have to show tract record specifically on that fishery in order to have received a quota allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49081/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to make forestry a more attractive option for farmers. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [49107/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to prohibit the cultivation of genetically modified organisms here including the importation of GMO grain. — Brian Stanley. [48951/19]

65. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the 5% cut in the CAP budget was discussed at the October 2019 Agrifish Council meeting; and if he made a contribution to the debate to outline his position. — Michael Moynihan. [43554/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied that the agri-food sector will continue in line with expectations while at the same time meeting carbon reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49102/19]

67. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of discussions at the most recent Agriculture and Fisheries Council meeting regarding CAP proposals post-2020 including transitional provisions; if existing schemes will be rolled over in pillar 1 and 2; his views on the new green architecture proposed and targets for environmental measures set out by the Finnish presidency for the next CAP. — Charlie McConalogue. [49061/19]

68. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the Beef Market Taskforce will meet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [49064/19]

69. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to expand the national afforestation programme. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [49106/19]

70. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the investigation by the European Commission into the lack of control in certain areas carried out by the Sea Fisheries Protection Agency; the background to the investigation; the terms and reference for same; the timeline for the completion of the investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [49070/19]

71. 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 applicants that were selected for an inspection; the number that have had their inspection and are awaiting their advance payment; the number that have had their inspection and received their advance payment; the number that have...
not had their inspection to date and are awaiting payment by county in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [49057/19]

72. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he plans to integrate the protection of island fisheries in quota allocation under the Common Fisheries Policy as recognised by the EU Commission as a distinct sector but not here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49082/19]

73. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he has implemented following the Irish Beef Sector Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [49065/19]

74. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the first meeting of the Beef Market Taskforce will take place; the agreed timeline for action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [49059/19]

75. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expected tonnage of beef export to China in the next 12 months in view of the swine flu epidemic there; the measures Bord Bia is taking to maximise the volume of beef exports to China in view of the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [49127/19]

76. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made to date with regard to the beef market taskforce. — Robert Troy. [49007/19]

77. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether there is sufficient fodder available for winter 2019/2020 in the event of a cold snap; if an analysis has been carried out on fodder stocks for same; if he will be making changes based on the 2018/2019 fodder crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [49009/19]

78. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the recommendation made by the youth assembly to invest in hemp farming and assist farmers in the transition towards more sustainable agricultural practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [49010/19]

79. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to establish a biomass supply chain for the support scheme for renewable heat; the implications of the recent decision by An Bord Pleanála in west County Offaly on the establishment of a domestic biomass supply chain here; the status of Bord na Móna bioenergy plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49067/19]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*80. To ask the Taoiseach the rules under which he flew to Zagreb, Croatia recently on a Government aircraft. — Thomas Byrne. [49194/19]

*81. To ask the Taoiseach the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by his Department in the past five years to date; and the cost per year of same. — Catherine Murphy. [49304/19]
*82. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the name of each person that flew on the Government aircraft to the EPP conference in Zagreb, Croatia. — Thomas Byrne. [49195/19]

*83. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the cost of using the Government aircraft to travel to Zagreb to the EPP congress. — Thomas Byrne. [49214/19]

*84. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of times that he and his officials made use of Air Corp aircraft and helicopters in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the departure and arrival location for each trip; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [49202/19]

*85. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of the recommendation by a person (details supplied) to appoint an independent chairperson to the conciliation and arbitration scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49252/19]

*86. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by his Department in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49294/19]

*87. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of additional recruits the Reserve Defence Forces has taken on to date in 2019 with regard to each service; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [49332/19]

*88. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the budget allocation to the Civil Defence in each of the years 2017 to 2020, in tabular form. — Martin Ferris. [49378/19]

*89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by his Department in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49298/19]

*90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if all passports and passport cards issued to Irish citizens born in Taiwan will have the description of country of birth as Taiwan as was previously the case; the reason for changing the description; if the practice of other EU states will be followed; if the use of Taiwan as the description will be resumed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [49373/19]

*91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to open a new consulate in Liverpool; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [49377/19]

*92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 101 of 5 November 2019, the reason for the delay in releasing the approved applications for foreign birth registration certificates for persons (details supplied). — Anne Rabbitte. [49402/19]
Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*93. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which the costs associated with pay restoration for section 39 workers in 2019 and 2020 were factored into the fiscal space calculations for 2019 and 2020, respectively; the way in which the costs have been factored into future fiscal space projections, that is, if the estimated costs are included in the pre-committed amounts for public pay detailed in Summer Economic Statements in 2019 and 2020 or if they are factored in elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49278/19]

*94. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by his Department in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49297/19]

*95. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a series of matters (details supplied). — Jan O’Sullivan. [49307/19]

*96. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a series of matters (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [49308/19]

*97. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a series of matters (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [49309/19]

*98. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount it would cost in a full year if the threshold for both group B and group C of capital acquisitions tax increased by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [49376/19]

*99. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of plans to change flat-rate expenses and the reclaiming of same; the way in which this will impact on teachers; if he will review the case of a person (details supplied) and address the concerns outlined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49406/19]

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

*100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views in relation to a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49160/19]

*101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by the OPW in the past five years to date; the schedule of the professions and roles the OPW hired in and or engaged from agencies; the cost per year of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49286/19]

*102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by his Department in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49302/19]

*103. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the timeline to reinstate the level of payment of pensions of workers which were cut under the FEMPI legislation to pre-FEMPI levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [49418/19]
Chun an Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna: To the Minister for Education and Skills.

*104. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of primary and secondary schools in County Wicklow that have autism units; the number of primary and secondary school students diagnosed with autism in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [49162/19]

*105. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the initiatives or grants available for local organisations and groups to assist local schools in the promotion of sports and active lifestyles courses for students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [49176/19]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the acceptable requirements to receive approval for time served teaching outside the European Union in relation to teachers that have taught outside the European Union; and the reason time served teaching at overseas private primary schools is recognised and time served teaching at secondary schools is not. — Jan O’Sullivan. [49254/19]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 164 of 12 November 2019, if a contractor has now been appointed; if the HSA has signed off on a schedule of works, method statement and timeline for the works to be completed at a school (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [49256/19]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 153 of 19 November 2019, if a copy of the letter outlining points raised at the meeting including the importance of a balanced research system will be provided. — James Lawless. [49271/19]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by his Department in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49295/19]

*110. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding a grant application by a school (details supplied); if there is a separate grant scheme for such works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [49312/19]

*111. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans aimed at reducing the pay gap between teachers recruited pre and post-2011; the timeframe for achieving pay parity for teachers recruited pre and post -2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [49314/19]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his department has forecasted the funding amount, the numbers of beneficiaries and type and amount of provision to achieve the NSS targets in view of the declining number of beneficiaries of adult literacy provision in ETBs. — Jan O’Sullivan. [49316/19]

*113. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application for funding by a school (details supplied) to undertake electrical upgrading works will be granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49320/19]

*114. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for the proposed new post primary school at Enfield, County Kildare; the manner in which it is expected to interact with other schools within the catchment area; if Johnstownbridge and Kilshanroe, County Kildare will be
included in the catchment area; the extent to which patronage has been determined; if parents in Johnstownbridge or Kilshanroe have an entitlement to vote in the determination of patronage; when the school will be open for students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49350/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the full extent of upgrades to facilities at a school (details supplied); the stage of the process; the timescale for conclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49351/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a series of queries (details supplied) submitted by email in September 2019 will receive a response. — John McGuinness. [49372/19]

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

*117. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated amount criminally laundered here in each of the years 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [49287/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda vehicles attached to each district in County Wicklow as of 20 November 2019; the year, make and model of the vehicles; the equivalent figures as of 1 January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [49173/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 140 of 13 November 2019, when a person (details supplied) will receive a decision in relation to their refugee status application following the recommendation of IPAT in November 2018 that they be declared a refugee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [49216/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if correspondence sent to him by this Deputy (details supplied) has been received; if so, when a response will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [49231/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a reply will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [49236/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by his Department in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49301/19]

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

*123. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by her Department in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49290/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*124. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in each remaining year to complete the pay restoration process for section 39 health and disability type organisations by pay costs
and associated pension costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49277/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health when a reassessment will be carried out on a medical card application for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [49161/19]

*126. 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. [49170/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Wicklow awaiting home help hours to be approved, allocated or increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [49177/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health if EpiPens are covered on the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49178/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health if there was a funding underspend from 2019 in the mental health services for CHO areas 6 and 7; if so, the amount; the location in which this funding was provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [49179/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 383 of 13 February 2018, his plans to include the purchase of EpiPens under the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49180/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health if home help cover for holidays is available in each county; and if not, the counties in which it is not available. — Brian Stanley. [49181/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health the commencement date for the consultant process for Portlaoise Hospital; and the timeframe for completion. — Brian Stanley. [49182/19]

*133. 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. [49184/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the significant cuts to pharmacy funding proposed from 1 January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [49185/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for an operation at St. James’s Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [49192/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health if extra resources will be allocated to reduce the 12-month waiting time for assessment by an occupational therapist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [49232/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health if a dedicated addiction service for persons under 18 years of age operates in County Louth; if so, the location from which it operates; if not, his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [49237/19]
*138. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a requirement for statutory partners to engage with regional drug and alcohol task forces. — Gerry Adams. [49238/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health the statutory partners which participate on the north east drug task force. — Gerry Adams. [49239/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding allocated to the north east drug task force in each of the past five years. — Gerry Adams. [49240/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of HSE staff working in addiction services nationwide; the staff vacancies and location of each. — Gerry Adams. [49241/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which a person (details supplied) can access treatment for lyme disease when appropriate services are unavailable here; if the person can access the cross border directive to seek appropriate treatment abroad; the options available for persons that continue to suffer from the disease after accessing all treatments available here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [49248/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to ensure the swift provision of new medicines to persons with multiple sclerosis. — Louise O’Reilly. [49257/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health if life-saving or first aid courses are required to include instructions on the steps to be taken if a person is choking while alone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [49258/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 327 of 15 October 2019, if CHO2 and CHO8 do not have a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist; if so, the length of time the positions have been vacant; the recruitment underway to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [49260/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce an awareness campaign and or training scheme for the public in the use of emergency medicines such as EpiPens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49262/19]

*147. 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. [49263/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied) in University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49264/19]

*149. 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. [49265/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied) in the Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital, Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49266/19]

*151. 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. [49267/19]
*152. 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. [49268/19]

*153. 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. [49269/19]

*154. 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. [49270/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 267 of 10 July 2019, if a date for a meeting as promised will be provided (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [49273/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 345 of 5 February 2019, 201 of 19 June 2019, 497 of 9 July 2019 and 344 of 24 September 2019, the position regarding the staff breastfeeding in the workplace policy for HSE staff; if the policy has been signed off on by the HSE leadership team; the reason for the time delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49276/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by the HSE in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49284/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Labre Park Traveller halting site is one of the few Traveller communities that is not covered by a primary health care team (details supplied); if he will take steps to ensure that the funding of a primary health care team for Travellers living in Labre Park and the wider Ballyfermot and Dublin 10 area is included in the HSE 2020 budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [49285/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by his Department in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49299/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (detail supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49317/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of fighting a case (details supplied) over the past number of years; his plans to make each person that suffered narcolepsy having been administered the pandemrix flu vaccine go to court against the State; his further plans and timeframe to address the outstanding cases in a manner in which such persons will not have to go through the courts such as a no-fault compensation scheme. — Louise O’Reilly. [49318/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49319/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no primary healthcare team for the Traveller community in Dublin 10 and specifically for the Labre Park halting site; if the possibility of providing a team will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [49321/19]
*164. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49322/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the concerns of pharmacists as outlined in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [49333/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to retain the services of a paediatric pain specialist (details supplied) at Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital, Crumlin who may leave the service at the end of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49354/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health the position in regard to the extension of the mental health facilities at Naas General Hospital, Naas, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49355/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to plans to demolish a building (details supplied) in County Cork; and his views on whether appropriate measures were taken in relation to the decision. — Sean Sherlock. [49360/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied) under the treatment abroad scheme; the reason emails to the HSE PAD section of 1 and 6 November 2019 regarding the matter have not received a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [49371/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49379/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding State funding of the national platform for self-advocates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [49401/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing restrictions and embargo in relation to the recruitment of clinical psychologists in the CHO2 area in view of the ongoing waiting lists for treatment and assessment in CAMHS, early intervention services, adult mental health services and the ASD services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [49403/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical psychologists employed in the CHO2 area; the number of clinical psychologists recruited by the HSE in 2018 and to date in 2019 by county in the CHO2 area in tabular form; his plans to recruit additional clinical psychologists to address the ongoing waiting lists in CAMHS, early intervention services, adult mental health services and the ASD services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [49405/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health the Departments that have been obliged by court orders to provide discovery in relation to the action initiated by an association (details supplied); the number that have done so; if a review of the data necessary to achieve delivery of the required discovery documentation has commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [49442/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be scheduled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [49444/19]
*176. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the initiatives to support paludiculture which will be financed under the Climate Action Plan 2019. — Thomas Pringle. [49422/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to support the development of a biomass industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [48914/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of native woodland trees to be planted on former bogland in each of the years 2019 to 2022, by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [42320/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of native woodland trees to be planted outside of former bogland in each of the years 2019 to 2022, by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [42321/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of native woodland trees planted in each of the years 2007 to 2018 inclusive by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [42319/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of Sitka spruce trees planted in each of the years 2007 to 2018 inclusive by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [42318/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if grant-aid will be provided for low emission slurry spreaders and or make them zero VAT rated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41730/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide incentives for the planting of alternative crops for the bio-economy to commence the process of adapting land use that will enable Ireland to meet its climate change targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41731/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the export markets that have different specifications to those set out in a document (details supplied) which restricts beef from particular holdings here being exported to such countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [49186/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the information retained by his Department on historic and recent BSE cases here in relation to both the animal, the herdowner and or the holding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [49187/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the length of time his Department retains information on historic BSE cases; the persons or bodies this information is shared with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [49188/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a holding on which an animal with BSE was discovered poses a higher risk to the food chain than a holding that never had a case of BSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [49189/19]
*188. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the World Organisation for Animal Health considers that beef from an animal which has come from a holding on which an historic case of BSE was confirmed should be treated differently when being exported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [49190/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by his Department in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49289/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry who sold their animals at the mart to a dealer or agent will not receive payment under the beef exceptional aid measure for animals they reared and fattened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49334/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an application by a person (details supplied) for TAMS 11 will be included in respect of tranche 14 of TAMS 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49353/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the statistics in relation to organic reps (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49391/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to get the beef task force up and running; when the first meeting will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [49392/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the quantities of chilled and frozen beef imported from Poland in 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [49393/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the outcome of the tender process for the three independent studies to be conducted as a result of the beef agreement reached in September 2019 will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [49394/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to counteract vegan propaganda which is particularly damaging to Ireland and its rural communities in view of the fact unique production and export capacity for beef here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [49395/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated area of peaty soils under the ownership of Coillte that has been converted to forestry; the estimated net carbon losses as a result of the practice; the remedial measures proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49426/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the reliability of labelling and traceability structures throughout the food industry with particular reference to imports from third countries; the average number of checks or tests carried out in 2018 and 2019; the way in which this compares with previous years; the number of cases detected which indicate a failure to meet the required standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49445/19]
To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which fishing remains a viable option for fishing dependent families nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49446/19]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he can encourage mitigation action in respect of greenhouse gases with the minimum impact on agriculture production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49447/19]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the future prospects for the cereal growing sector with a view to ensuring a reliable income for those involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49448/19]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he expects the poultry sector to grow in the short, medium and long-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49449/19]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the trend discovered in relation to the extermination of bovine tuberculosis; the areas in which a breakdown seems to have occurred; the causes of each; the action taken or to be taken to address the issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49450/19]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which objectives and targets as set out by Food Wise 2025 are being achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49451/19]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to monitor all aspects of animal welfare including canine and non-sporting equines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49452/19]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which financial supports and or incentives are in place to address the negative impact of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49453/19]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which opportunities continue to exist for the artisan food sector; the degree to which the industry has grown over the past three years; his expectations for the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49454/19]

To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when premises that will be serviced by broadband connection points will be fully connected under the National Broadband Plan. — Dara Calleary. [49398/19]

To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the material change to the intervention area since the mapping exercise for the National Broadband Plan was completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49163/19]
*210. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of premises added and removed, respectively, from the intervention area of the National Broadband Plan. — Jack Chambers. [49164/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the breakdown of premises removed from the intervention area by operator type (details supplied). — Jack Chambers. [49165/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the providers whose premises already passed from the intervention area of the National Broadband Plan. — Jack Chambers. [49166/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of operators whose data was accepted and not accepted, respectively, in relation to submissions made on the mapping consultation for the intervention area of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49167/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a minimum number of premises within the National Broadband Plan intervention area was required. — Jack Chambers. [49168/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the circumstances under which encroachment by commercial operators of the intervention area of the National Broadband Plan is deemed to have taken place; the mechanism by which his Department is notified of the intention to claim that encroachment has taken place; the method by which the contract signatory may claim the contingency set aside for this and whether this payment takes the form of a one off payment. — Jack Chambers. [49169/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of the various home energy grants that are available to persons building an eco-friendly timber frame home on their site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [49193/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeframe for the publication of guidelines pertaining to the supply of energy to the national grid through solar energy and solar farms in County Wicklow; the terms and conditions which prospective suppliers must adhere to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [49196/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated full-year cost of extending the warmer home scheme to replace single glaze windows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49225/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated full-year cost of extending the better energy homes scheme to provide universal attic insulation and universal wall insulation in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49226/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated full-year cost of a new recycling centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49227/19]
*221. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the cost of the warmth and wellbeing pilot scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49228/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount of public funding from his Department given to each of the directly funded licenced television and radio stations broadcasting here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49229/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when he plans to move the Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2019 to committee stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49230/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number and percentage of households and commercial premises that have access to fibreoptic broadband in areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [49274/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the proportion of the remaining household and commercial premises that have fibreoptic broadband to the premises itself excluding districts to be enabled by the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [49275/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the cost in each year of the National Broadband Plan since the signing of the contract in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [49280/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on an issue (details supplied) which is affecting a rural part of County Waterford; the way in which this issue will be addressed in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [49288/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by his Department in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49292/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a hub (details supplied) will be prioritised to go live with high-speed broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [49327/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a hub (details supplied) will be prioritised to go live with high-speed broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [49328/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a hub (details supplied) will be prioritised to go live with high-speed broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [49329/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the percentage of plastic waste recycled here; his plans to increase awareness regarding the amount recycled instead of general waste; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [49330/19]
*233. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress towards achieving the interim offshore wind energy targets set out in the Climate Action Plan 2019 for 2025. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [49331/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to repurpose the Public Service Obligation levy to support rehabilitation of peatlands; if he will be consulting on the calculation and implementation of the levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49347/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the climate action (amendment) Bill will be brought to Dáil Éireann; if he will report on the introduction of a net zero target, development of carbon budgets, preparation of a national long-term strategy and the establishment of an enhanced climate change advisory council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49348/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps being taken to ensure that the review into the security and sustainability of the energy supply here with input from state-owned companies is independent; the actions he will take to ensure potential conflict of interest in his assessment of optimal actions, fossil fuels, and technologies are avoided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49349/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the State agencies that have a statutory or regulatory function in relation to energy security; the agencies and bodies that have an advisory role in relation to energy security; the way in which he will ensure that the regulatory aspects of energy security are not captured by stakeholder bodies such as the ESB and a company (details supplied) that may have strategic commercial interests at stake; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49420/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which his Department will ensure that there is no double counting between carbon sequestered under land use, land-use change and forestry via afforestation and peatland restoration and rehabilitation and other projects that are planned to generate carbon credits being planned by Bord na Móna, Coillte and other land owners; the methodologies for carbon sequestration on State lands which will be utilised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49421/19]

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

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of passengers carried by each form of transport (details supplied); the amount in tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions produced by each of the forms of transport each of the years from 2008 to the most recent year for which figures are available in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49224/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the services which will be available to use contactless payments on public transport; and when it will be introduced in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [49191/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will allocate funding for a bus shelter in Buttevant, County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [49215/19]

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*242. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details on each application sent from County Wicklow for the sports capital grant 2019, by successful, unsuccessful and incomplete applications. — Pat Casey. [49217/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of clubs and organisations in Waterford city and county that were unsuccessful in their application for funding under the sports capital grant scheme; the number that failed to meet the criteria; the main reason unsuccessful applicants in Waterford city and county were declined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [49242/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a second round of funding under the sports capital grant programme will become available; if so, when the funds may become available; the closing date for additional information and submissions which need to be supplied by clubs and organisations that were unsuccessful in the most recent allocations under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [49243/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of applications nationally received under the sports capital grant programme for 2019; the amount applied for; the profile of applications in terms of sporting discipline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [49244/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of applications received under the sports capital grant programme for 2019 from clubs and organisations in Waterford city and county; the amount applied for by such clubs and organisations; the amount approved and declined, respectively for such clubs and organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [49245/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there has been a significant reduction in the spending of the 2019 national roads allocations by TII in conjunction with the local authorities nationwide; if so, the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [49246/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason Limerick City and County Council has only spent €655,000 out of €7,153,000 of its 2019 allocations to date in 2019 for the improvement of national roads; if the underspend is linked to the funding of the national children’s hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [49247/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason an application for sports capital grant funding by a centre (details supplied) was unsuccessful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [49249/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the voluntary river rescue in view of the fact that the Coast Guard has been stood down; if the river rescue will now be the first port of call of An Garda Síochána in the event of a marine casualty situation or emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [49259/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the underspend of the national road maintenance budget which has led to a national surplus of 39.7% and an average surplus per local authority of €2,334,691.70 according to TII data and detailed industry analysis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [49282/19]
*252. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the underspend of the road maintenance budget for County Kilkenny which has led to a situation by which 90.8% or €3,678,420 of the annual budget has been left unspent as of 31 October 2019 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [49283/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by his Department in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49305/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the next round of sports capital funding will be opened. — Sean Sherlock. [49356/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the appeals system available for unsuccessful applicants under the 2018 sports capital programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [49399/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of successful and unsuccessful applicants, respectively by sports in the context of the latest sports capital grants; the number of grant appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49441/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the concerns and questions of residents during public consultation on the new N2 route in Monaghan (details supplied) will be addressed; if he will answer questions concerning same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49455/19]

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

*258. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of home school community liaison and school completion staff working with homeless families in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [49361/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by her Department in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49291/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the outcome of her engagements at the Nairobi summit; the commitments she provided at the summit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [49359/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs his plans to progress the adoption (information and tracing) Bill 2016 by introducing legislation to allow for the thousands of adoptees to access their own information; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [49427/19]

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

*262. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the clubs, groups and organisations that have received funding under the Leader RDP programme in County Wicklow in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the level of funding provided to each group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [49250/19]
*263. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by his Department in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49303/19]

*264. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding is available for a community group (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49335/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the operational details of broadband connection points that will be provided within the first 12 months of the National Broadband rollout; the role of his Department in this task; the breakdown of points by county and location in tabular form; the allocated current and capital budget for such points; the number of staff that will be employed to achieve this objective in 2020; the number of premises that fall within the area points will service that are forecasted to be covered under the plan by homes, businesses, farms and schools; and the percentage of overall premises to be connected under the plan the 300 points will service, by homes, businesses, farms and schools. — Dara Calleary. [49396/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the specific role of his Department in the National Broadband Plan; and the action points and associated timetable for each in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [49397/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding provided in 2019 for each measure under the CLÁR programme; the draw down to date; the projected expenditure by year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [49419/19]

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

*268. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will issue in relation to a carer’s allowance claim by a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [49235/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress made to date by the interdepartmental group in relation to the pension issue of community employment supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [49251/19]

*270. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a pension application by a person (details supplied). — Pat Casey. [49253/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49281/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by her Department in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49296/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which private sector companies that provide CVRT tests for commercial vehicles are compliant with schedule 5 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in respect of the public services card (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49306/19]
*274. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address a matter regarding pensions for community employment supervisors (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [49313/19]

*275. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on an application for a domiciliary care allowance by a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49315/19]

*276. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an extension will be granted to a person (details supplied) on a Tús scheme. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49352/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will issue on an invalidity pension claim by a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [49357/19]

*278. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer’s allowance application by a person (details supplied) which is now under appeal; and if the matter will be expedited in view of the circumstances. — John McGuinness. [49370/19]

*279. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on a jobseeker’s allowance application by a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49374/19]

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

*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of the proposed pyrite and mica scheme; the status of the scheme; when affected residents in County Mayo can expect the scheme to be administered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [49233/19]

*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his Department has received correspondence from Donegal County Council concerning proposals to install a sculpture on Magheraclogher Beach (details supplied) regarding the relevant foreshore considerations which such a project would entail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [49171/19]

*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of a payment to Sligo County Council (details supplied); if the allocation of additional funding to the Council has been approved in order to allow same to appoint a land asset management team and the staffing levels required as outlined to his Department on 11 October 2019; when the funding will be allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [49183/19]

*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of rental properties and the number of landlords in the private rental sector in each of the years 2012 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [49234/19]

*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding which will be provided to Wicklow County Council in 2020 in lieu of the loss of commercial rates from Irish Water properties; the funding provided to date in 2019; the loss of income incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [49255/19]
*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by his Department in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49300/19]

*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will publish and or provide the most recent recommendations made by the HAP practitioners forum to him and his responses to those recommendations over the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49310/19]

*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when funding will be provided to local authorities for the upgrade of domestic wells; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49358/19]

*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of free public transport to children in emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [49362/19]

*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the pilot project that will be introduced to support the family functioning of homeless families in emergency accommodation by providing off-site or near-site family time including play, homework, cooking and washing facilities, family support and parent support. — Darragh O’Brien. [49363/19]

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of a safety guidance and voluntary code for child safety in emergency accommodation. — Darragh O’Brien. [49364/19]

*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of a new facility with accommodation for pregnant women that are homeless. — Darragh O’Brien. [49365/19]

*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of tenancies provided by housing first teams in Dublin in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date 2019. — Darragh O’Brien. [49366/19]

*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the specific funding under the capital assistance scheme for AHBs to respond to the accommodation needs of young persons that leave state care in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Darragh O’Brien. [49367/19]

*294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of specific policy and procedural guidance to housing authorities with regard to the role they can play to assist victims of domestic violence to secure new, independent tenancies as required. — Darragh O’Brien. [49368/19]

*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the housing procurement office within the Housing Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [49369/19]

*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if consideration will be given to a proposal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49400/19]
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*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the changes to Residential Tenancies Board rates. — Robert Troy. [49404/19]

*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there is grant aid available for persons wishing to construct a granny flat at their residence which would enable a young couple that reside in the existing dwelling house and the elderly parents to reside in a new granny flat (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [49443/19]

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

*299. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the measures proposed to protect blanket bogs under the land use, land-use change and forestry. — Thomas Pringle. [49423/19]

*300. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the breakdown of the Budget 2020 measures for bog restoration and rehabilitation to be funded under Just Transition; the role her Department plays in co-financing a research and EU LIFE projects in the region; and the way in which she intends to engage with academic research in the activity in order to scale up projects to avoid further carbon losses after 2021. — Thomas Pringle. [49424/19]

*301. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of agency staff hired and or engaged by her Department in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49293/19]

*302. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the timetable for the passing of the Wildlife (Amendment) Bill 2016 through all stages of the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [49311/19]

*303. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to update the National Monuments Act 1930 to 2004; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [49375/19]

*304. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the bog restoration and rehabilitation measures that will be funded through the NPWS; the estimated cost of availing of the land use, land-use change and forestry flexibilities as they relate to peatlands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49425/19]

CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍÓDH UAIN DÓIBH, I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 28 SAMHAIN, 2019 QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 2019

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

1. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to provide public water fountains as a measure to combat the use of single-use plastic bottles; the cost of such a project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49223/19]
2. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which he will ensure the participation of ESB and Bord na Móna workers and affected communities in the development of a coherent just transition response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49382/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount spent to date on the National Broadband Plan; and the cost of external consultants, legal advice, services and internal Departmental staff costs. — Brian Stanley. [46267/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timescale for the rollout of electric car charging points in County Meath under Project Ireland 2040. — Thomas Byrne. [49416/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of premises which will be passed each year during the deployment of the National Broadband Plan. — Tom Neville. [49337/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will meet with trade unions representing Bord na Móna workers; his views on their demand that Bord na Móna management attend the WRC to discuss issues relating to a just transition for their members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [49437/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the implementation of the smoky fuel ban here particularly in County Wexford; when he plans to implement a nationwide ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [49052/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will include a four day work week without loss of pay significantly reducing emissions in the future climate action plans of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [49324/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has been briefed on the recommendations within the cross-party report on climate change specifically relating to the future of Bord na Móna; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [43657/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the impact the provision of high-speed broadband in rural areas will have on remote working and flexible working arrangements; the impact this may have in tackling climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [49341/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the actions which he is taking to secure employment for Bord na Móna employees that are the first staff to lose their jobs as a result of the decision by the ESB to cease the operation of West Offaly and Lough Ree power plants. — Denis Naughten. [49068/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the 300 broadband connection points are expected to be live; the way in which the points were chosen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [49413/19]
13. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the areas which will be targeted first through the National Broadband Plan; when County Kildare can expect to see premises passed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [49412/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the type of services which will be available at broadband connection points; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [49343/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the breakdown of the estimated €50 billion cost of retrofitting all homes as announced by an Taoiseach on 21 November 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49221/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the review into the Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland better energy warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [49440/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the commitment to provide high speed broadband to every house and business in County Donegal; the timeline for when the rollout will commence in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [49346/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the impact the rollout of high-speed broadband will have with respect to smart farming methods. — Tom Neville. [49338/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the proposal to change the electricity market rules in order to enable micro-generated electricity to be sold to the grid will proceed in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [49439/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether potential cost savings at RTÉ will have a negative effect on independent screen producers here in view of the fact that spending by the national broadcaster has fallen dramatically on independent productions; and the way in which he can address same in the context of changes to the television licence system to ensure the viability of independent screen production and jobs within that sector. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [49175/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his priorities for the upcoming COP25 discussions in Madrid. — Eamon Ryan. [49414/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the National Broadband Plan; when all homes and businesses in County Donegal will have access to high speed broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [49345/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to increase awareness regarding recycling, general waste and compost for home owners disposing of their waste; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [49326/19]
24. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated costs of the external consultant reviews of major infrastructural projects such as the National Broadband Plan in 2019 and 2020. — Thomas P. Broughan. [45801/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether telecommunications infrastructure here has adequate protections in place to limit the damage of cyber attacks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49384/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the potential benefits of high speed broadband with respect to healthcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [49344/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which the National Broadband Plan addresses the requirements nationwide; the extent to which other options have been examined; the main benefits of the plan now in process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49408/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the anticipated expansion of the digital economy; the role broadband will play in allowing Ireland particularly in rural areas to take full advantage of the opportunities of the digital economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [49342/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps being taken to ensure safe air quality levels and to introduce a nationwide ban on smoky coal in response to stated legal advice from the Attorney General; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49381/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the North-South Interconnector project. — Thomas Byrne. [49417/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the rollout of the 300 broadband connection points will commence; the role these wi-fi hot spots will play in providing high speed broadband to communities in intervention areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [49339/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will implement the recommendation made by the Youth Assembly to implement a tiered tax system on large corporations for their emissions. — Paul Murphy. [49323/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the meetings or discussions he has had with both Bord na Móna management and a person (details supplied) on the planned job losses at the company and the ending of peat harvesting; if the issue of negotiations with workers representatives was discussed; if the issue of retraining workers affected was discussed or raised by him or his officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49390/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the breakdown of the funds available for Just Transition; the source of each form of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49222/19]
35. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding from the SEAI to local authorities in 2020 to help retrofit social housing stock; the projected allocation and number of homes expected to be improved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [49435/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will appoint a digital safety commissioner. — Sean Sherlock. [49432/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated cost to rapidly transition Ireland to 100% wind, solar, wave and hydro energy by 2030; and his views on whether Ireland could reach this goal. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [49325/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to intervene on a project in Cork Harbour pursuing an LNG facility. — Sean Sherlock. [49430/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the expenditure to date on the broadband tendering process; the costs associated with the competitive tendering process and subsequent legal and consultancy advice; and the breakdown of fees paid to external agencies. — Bríd Smith. [49387/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the decision-making role that local communities and trade unions will have in the Just Transition plan; the differences between the decision-making role from a consultative role they may have; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49219/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which he expects to meet the challenges of climate change and reduction of greenhouse gases over the next twelve years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49409/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding that will be made available from the SEAI for energy efficiency measures in social housing units in mid-western areas of Dublin in the coming years; if the warmth and wellbeing scheme will be extended to other areas; the number of homes retrofitted under the scheme in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [49438/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if it will be insured that planned fibreoptic broadband proposals agreed to under the National Broadband Plan will be placed under the ownership of the State. — Thomas P. Broughan. [49054/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated cost of the National Broadband Plan in excess of the amount allocated in the National Development Plan in each of the years 2020 to 2025; the potential cost if the National Broadband Plan were to be found to be in breach of state aid rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [46969/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he is satisfied that the National Broadband Plan is fit for purpose. — Sean Sherlock. [49433/19]
46. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated amount of carbon credits Ireland will need to purchase in 2020 in order to comply with its international obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49386/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason for the considerable delay in introducing an annual support of €75 for the disposal of medical incontinence wear for vulnerable persons to help meet the average annual cost of disposing of domestic waste; when the support will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [49076/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the need for the immediate introduction of the household charge in order to create the conditions required for the sustainability of public service media and the sustainability of the independent production sector here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [49174/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of his policies in relation to the islands as requested by the interdepartmental committee on the islands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [49410/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the SEAI allocation to local authorities for energy efficiency measures and retrofitting in social housing stock since 2010; and the planned spending by the SEAI on future energy efficiency measures in social housing units. — Bríd Smith. [49388/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if spending needed to purchase carbon credits to comply with international obligations will affect other projects under his Department; the projected amount of funding needed in the coming years to purchase carbon credits; and the areas from which the carbon credits for 2019 came from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [49436/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the role a company (details supplied) will have in connecting premises and encouraging take up of high-speed broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [49340/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to a legal challenge to the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49385/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has met with representatives from social media companies in the past two months; and if so, the companies he met with. — Sean Sherlock. [49431/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to address the ongoing funding crisis at RTÉ; if he has met with a person (details supplied) to discuss the plans of RTÉ since publication of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49383/19]