DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Máirt, 3 Nollaig, 2019
Tuesday, 3rd December, 2019

CEISTEANNA
QUESTIONS
Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]

2. 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]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the role of his Department in implementing the bio-economy framework. — Brendan Howlin. [50047/19]

4. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff employed in the Britain and Northern Ireland affairs section of his Department. — Micheál Martin. [47453/19]

5. 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]

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

7. 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]

8. 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]

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

10. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the work of the international division of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [50372/19]

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

12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the 33rd British-Irish Council. — Brendan Howlin. [48539/19]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his hosting of the recent British-Irish Council summit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [47640/19]

14. 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]

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

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his hosting of the recent British-Irish Council summit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50113/19]

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

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

19. 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]

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

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Citizens’ Assembly on gender equality will meet. — Brendan Howlin. [50048/19]

22. To ask the Taoiseach his future plans for the Citizens’ Assembly. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50360/19]

23. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committee at which Israel and Palestine is discussed. — Micheál Martin. [48835/19]

24. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committee that addresses matters relating to Israel and Palestine. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49995/19]

25. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committee at which Israel and Palestine is discussed. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50144/19]

26. 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]

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

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Infrastructure last met. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50114/19]
29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Infrastructure last met; and when it is next expected to meet. — Brendan Howlin. [50153/19]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Infrastructure last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Paul Murphy. [50290/19]

31. 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]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department with the National Economic and Social Council. — Brendan Howlin. [50154/19]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department with the National Economic and Social Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [50202/19]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department with the National Economic Social Council. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50361/19]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department with the National Economic and Social Council. — Paul Murphy. [50373/19]

36. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which his Department provides collective leadership to the Civil Service Renewal Programme. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49996/19]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he or his officials have met the Sinn Féin leaders in relation to the Northern Ireland Assembly and the upcoming deadline of 13 January 2020. — Micheál Martin. [50122/19]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if the policy discussions on drug gangs take place at the Cabinet committee on Social Policy and Public Services or the Cabinet committee on Security. — Michael Moynihan. [50087/19]

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**

**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

39. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the timeline for implementation of each of the 14 recommendations made by the Personal Injuries Commission regarding personal injury awards. — Robert Troy. [50374/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she has taken to ensure that IDA jobs created here are of decent quality and offer decent pay and conditions; if her Department maintains records regarding payscales of jobs offered by IDA companies; if not, if she will consider same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [50132/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the timeline for the implementation of the recommendations emanating from the OECD review of SME and Entrepreneurship Policy in Ireland and accompanying roadmap; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [50375/19]
42. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number and location of jobs secured by the IDA in the past three years in south-west County Cork in particular the three peninsulas and the eight islands in west County Cork. — Michael Collins. [50344/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her Department has had engagement with the taskforce on climate related financial disclosures; and if she is considering promoting new auditing structures for businesses with regard to carbon emissions. — Eamon Ryan. [50376/19]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**

**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

44. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the work she is carrying out in relation to the right to disconnect; if she will consider the development of guidelines for employers and employees in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [50130/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of companies by size that have filed with the new Register of Beneficial Ownership that is overseen by the Companies Registration Office by 22 November 2019; the number of filings as a percentage of all companies that have filed according to size breakdown; the number of companies by size that did not file with the RBO by this date; and the number as a percentage of all companies that did not file according to size breakdown. — Robert Troy. [50140/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the changes in policy proposed to ensure the accelerated growth of the indigenous high-tech industrial sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [49685/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the discussions taking place between her Department and the relevant development agencies to reposition enterprise policy in view of the changes in the tax regime of the United States of America and other changes taking place worldwide that could reduce the attractiveness of Ireland to foreign direct industrial investment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [49684/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the efforts she is making in conjunction with the IDA to secure foreign direct investment to rural parts of south County Kildare. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [49752/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of new-first time investments by new IDA client companies in County Donegal in 2019; the number of visits by new IDA client companies in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [49965/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to address the quality of jobs and the need for further investment in the south-east; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [49749/19]
51. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn to proposals to establish a new enterprise at a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50142/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the emergency contingencies and supports in place to safeguard SMEs and export businesses here from all Brexit scenarios. — Robert Troy. [50137/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the uptake of supports to companies to offset the negative impact of Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [49934/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the development of a new SME and entrepreneurship strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [50117/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when she expects to announce successful projects under the 2019 Regional Enterprise Development Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [49960/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she is taking to assist businesses with escalating commercial rates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [49943/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if proposals will be brought forward to encourage remote working amongst businesses; her views on the way in which remote working can support regional development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [50116/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the progress of the implementation of the recommendations of the Personal Injuries Commission that are relevant to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [49932/19]

59. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the actions being taken to reduce the costs of doing business here and reverse Irish competitiveness deficiencies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [50138/19]

60. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her Department has examined whether Ireland is approaching a patent cliff specifically in the pharmaceutical industry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [46674/19]

61. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the cost benefit analysis undertaken in relation to the development of data centres pursuant to the Enterprise Strategy in view of the fact that data centre development is projected to add at least 1.5 million tonnes to carbon emissions here by 2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50096/19]

62. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the most recent occasion on which the IDA visited counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath; the number of new jobs created by the IDA in the past 12 months; the steps it is taking to attract companies to the counties; the success
it has had with the strategy for the counties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49709/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the introduction of a four-day working week as proposed by a number of organisations (details supplied); if she will help to facilitate debate and consideration of this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [49931/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she is taking to support businesses here that have been affected by the current EU and US trade war. — Thomas P. Broughan. [49683/19]

65. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if proposals will be brought forward to encourage remote working amongst businesses; her views on the way in which remote working can support regional development in counties such as County Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [50129/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she is taking to support job creation in the midland peat counties following the announced closure of the Lough Ree and West Offaly power stations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49704/19]

67. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the way in which she plans to overhaul SME policy and entrepreneurship in the wake of findings of the study by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; if the interdepartmental consultative group has met to discuss the recommendations of the study; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [49942/19]

68. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she is taking to make Ireland, particularly rural counties such as County Tipperary, an attractive destination for business and investment (details supplied); the way in which Ireland’s economic reputation overseas is being enhanced and promoted; the incentives being put in place; the way in which it is being monitored; and the opportunities she envisions for Ireland as a result of Brexit. — Michael Lowry. [46215/19]

69. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the actions being taken regarding personal injury awards. — Robert Troy. [50141/19]

70. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the supports in place for businesses though the local enterprise office in County Donegal; the additional funding made to same in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [49962/19]

71. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the work she is undertaking to assist small businesses in the retail sector to develop an online presence; her views on the impact online shopping and digital transformation is having on the retail sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [50038/19]

72. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to increase the uptake in the various schemes to prepare businesses for Brexit; the particular efforts which will be made in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50128/19]
73. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the requests made under section 10(4) of the Competition and Consumer Protection Act 2014 to the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission; her plans to make a further request; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [50036/19]

74. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the up-to-date statistics on the impact of Brexit uncertainty on job losses here; and the actions she is taking to replace such jobs. — Thomas P. Broughan. [49750/19]

75. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans or proposals to assist small and struggling businesses in towns and villages. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50143/19]

76. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the position regarding regional IDA site visits per county in addition to vacant IDA properties nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [50139/19]

77. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to introduce reform legislation for limited partnerships; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [49711/19]

78. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of recent activities by the IDA in County Kildare towards job creation and attracting new industry to the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [50044/19]

79. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which Ireland has identified new trading partners to compensate for Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46374/19]

80. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA visits to County Meath in 2019; and the number of IDA units which are occupied and vacant in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [49964/19]

81. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which she continues to encourage investment on the island of Ireland with a view to ensuring the continued prosperity North and South, notwithstanding issues arising from Brexit; if further initiatives are planned to enhance the continued development of economies North and South with equally beneficial results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50045/19]

82. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the actions taken to protect and assist workers in a company (details supplied) which announced proposed job losses of approximately 500 recently; if an application has been made to the European Globalisation Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [49933/19]

83. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of cases heard at the Workplace Relations Commission in 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of adjudicators employed by the commission; the number of appeals to decisions of adjudicators; the time taken for cases to be heard; and her plans for the commission for the coming year. — Brid Smith. [43635/19]

84. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the way in which the newly established European Labour Authority will support the work of agencies under the aegis of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [49710/19]
85. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the funding provided to the sectors most affected by Brexit through the Brexit loan scheme in 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of companies that have benefited; the funding provided through the future growth loan scheme to date in 2019; and the number of companies that have benefited. — Alan Kelly. [46863/19]

86. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when the research work of her Department on remote working will be completed; the steps she plans to take to further promote and encourage remote working here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [49997/19]

87. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the new industry 4.0 strategy which is being developed; the role envisaged for a centre (details supplied) as part of this strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [49967/19]

88. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if there are foreign direct investment visits planned for County Kildare during the remainder of 2019 and into 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [49751/19]

89. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the drawdown under the future growth loan scheme; the way in which this scheme is benefitting small businesses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [49966/19]

90. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she or her officials have written to her US counterpart expressing concern regarding changing tariffs on food products from Ireland. — Michael Moynihan. [41942/19]

91. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the role her Department is playing in advancing disability inclusion in relation to entrepreneurial policy. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [49707/19]

92. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the action she is taking to support businesses concerned regarding the impact of commercial rates on the future of their businesses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49708/19]

93. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to promote and encourage new and developing work practices in County Meath such as working from home initiatives and working from tech hubs and hot desks. — Thomas Byrne. [49963/19]

94. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the staff numbers at the WRC including adjudicators; the average time taken to have cases heard and appeals decided; and the number of cases heard in 2018 and to date in 2019. — Bríd Smith. [50382/19]

95. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the reason only two out of seven joint labour committees are functioning and have produced employment regulation orders; and her plans to ensure that other sectors including agriculture, cleaning and so on are represented by joint labour committees. — Paul Murphy. [50379/19]

96. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she plans to take to expand the joint labour committees for workers in low-paid industries in view of a Bill to address
the issue recently being voted down in Seanad Éireann; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [50362/19]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFÁ
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*97. To ask the Taoiseach the latest annual and quarterly EUROSTAT data for Ireland in relation to EU consumer price levels for goods and services; the EU average figure; and the ranking and position of Ireland in relation to other countries in the EU 28, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [50022/19]

*98. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent by his Department and each agency under the aegis of his Department on the National Ploughing Championships in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by online advertising, offline advertising, promotional material, wages, photography, stand rental and other costs. — Barry Cowen. [49687/19]

*99. To ask the Taoiseach the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49911/19]

*100. To ask the Taoiseach the rate of unemployment in percentage terms in each of the years 2008, 2017 and 2018. — Noel Grealish. [49513/19]

*101. To ask the Taoiseach the details of each Nuts 2 region that is within 1% of the national unemployment rate and each NUTS 2 and 3 region that is not, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [50023/19]

*102. To ask the Taoiseach the unemployment rate by county using the latest CSO data. — Robert Troy. [50026/19]

*103. To ask the Taoiseach the number of Bills sponsored by his Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50326/19]

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

*104. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the steps he will take to facilitate a group (details supplied) to achieve affiliate status to a union on the basis that it has publicly committed to never strike if such affiliation is granted. — Willie Penrose. [49686/19]

*105. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the reason some members of the Defence Forces must retire at 50 years of age; if the matter is being examined in the context of the retention crisis in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [49771/19]

*106. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will report on the affiliation of a union (details supplied) to another union; when the affiliation will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [49778/19]

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*107. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if a Gleeson style commission will be established on the pay and conditions in the Defence Forces; if so, if it will review contracts, duty allowances and technical payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [49779/19]

*108. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49901/19]

*109. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of days spent at sea by members of the Naval Service Reserve to date in 2019. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [50007/19]

*110. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the details of the drawdown of anti-malarial drugs prescribed to individual Defence Forces members operating in sub-Saharan Africa in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of troops prescribed each drug respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [50010/19]

*111. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if funding has been provided in 2020 for the refurbishment of the military hospital at the Defence Forces training centre, Curragh, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50013/19]

*112. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of Bills sponsored by his Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50316/19]

*113. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the operational non-pay budget for the Air Corps is less than 2% of the Defence Vote in view of his recent decision to temporarily shut down the helicopter operation in Athlone, County Westmeath. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50343/19]

*114. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passports issued in each of the past five years to high net worth individuals that planned to invest here; the details of such persons; the investments of each; and his plans to review the enabling legislation. — Catherine Martin. [50073/19]

*115. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on recent reports in the media (details supplied) regarding more than one million persons being detained in camps in China; his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [49786/19]

*116. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49905/19]

*117. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which Ireland is actively working towards bringing about a two-state future for Israel and Palestine further to his statement on Israeli settlements policy of 20 November 2019; if there are further developments
on foot of earlier meetings he has held on the peace process for Israel and Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50043/19]

*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Bills sponsored by his Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50320/19]

*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland has raised concerns with the Colombian authorities directly or at the UN in relation to attacks that are being described as indigenous genocide by reputable persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50409/19]

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

*120. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to change the age threshold of 75 years in relation to approved minimum retirement funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [49741/19]

*121. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of plans to request the Central Bank to conduct an assessment of existing sustainable restructuring solutions across all lenders and non-bank entities operating here. — Darragh O’Brien. [50056/19]

*122. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will assist a person (details supplied) in County Cork to resolve a VRT issue that has arisen in relation to an imported vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [49739/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons availing of flat-rate expenses disaggregated by salary bands and profession in each of the years 2014 to 2018. — Pearse Doherty. [49816/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Finance the unallocated revenue available in each of the years 2020 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [49817/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the proposal by the Revenue Commissioners to rescind the flat-rate tax expense for various categories of workers and in particular for nursing staff in receipt of the FRE in view of the fact that their uniform is a requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O’Rourke. [49847/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Finance if the advisers of a company (details supplied) or companies owned by the company are registered with the Central Bank as a regulated credit firm or credit servicing firm. — Barry Cowen. [49890/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49904/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Finance if a consultative forum comprised of representatives from the retail, tourism and tax refund sectors together with officials from the Revenue Commissioners, An Garda Síochána and his Department will be established to review the impact of proposed
changes to the retail export scheme and to explore alternatives to the introduction of a €175 VAT refund threshold. — Anne Rabbitte. [50039/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has received communications from the UK Government in relation to the further application by the UK of the retail export scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [50040/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the verification process that has been established across the retail industry here to prevent VAT registered businesses from falsely availing of tax-free shopping in the event the UK applies both the VAT retail export and duty free schemes; and if he has held meetings with the tax back and retail sectors to ensure the misuse of the scheme is minimised. — Anne Rabbitte. [50041/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected tax revenue in each of the years 2020 to 2025 in the event of an orderly Brexit by tax category, that is, income, VAT and so on as opposed to a disorderly Brexit as outlined in the economic and fiscal outlook in Budget 2020 in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [50097/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected expenditure in each of the years 2020 to 2025 in the event of an orderly Brexit by expenditure category, that is, compensation of employees, interest expenditure and so on as opposed to a disorderly Brexit as outlined in the economic and fiscal outlook in Budget 2020 in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [50098/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Finance the level of capital expenditure required for gross fixed capital formation to account for 3% of GDP in each of the years 2020 to 2025. — Pearse Doherty. [50102/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Finance the resources available in the event of an orderly Brexit after projected and pre-committed expenditure in each of the years 2020 to 2025 in order to reach a GGB as a percentage of GDP by percentage (details supplied) in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [50103/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Finance the resources available in the event of an orderly Brexit after projected and pre-committed expenditure in each of the years 2020 to 2025 in order to reach a structural balance of -0.5 in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [50104/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected cost of Government borrowing in each of the years 2020 to 2025. — Pearse Doherty. [50105/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Finance when a report (details supplied) into local public banking will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [50136/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of reducing the rate of VAT on electricity energy products and supplies from 13.5% to 9% and 0%, respectively in each of the years 2020 to 2025. — Pearse Doherty. [50164/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of reducing the rate of VAT on telephone bills and charges from 23% to 17.5%, 13.5%, 9% and 0%, respectively in each of the years 2020 to 2025. — Pearse Doherty. [50165/19]
*140. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of reducing the rate of VAT on internet bills and charges from 23% to 17.5%, 13.5%, 9% and 0%, respectively in each of the years 2020 to 2025. — Pearse Doherty. [50166/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of reducing the rate of VAT on television bills and charges from 23% to 17.5%, 13.5%, 9% and 0%, respectively in each of the years 2020 to 2025. — Pearse Doherty. [50167/19]

*142. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the capital acquisitions tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50181/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a minimum effective corporate tax rate within the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [50301/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Bills sponsored by his Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50319/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on concerns raised with regard to proposed changes to the retail export scheme as per correspondence (details supplied); and if he is considering establishing a consultative forum involving representatives from the various bodies suggested. — Robert Troy. [50385/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Finance the investment made by the State in the covered institutions during the financial crisis by institution; the amount that has been recouped to date from the institutions; the value of residual investment by the State in the institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50407/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Finance the investment by the State by way of promissory notes, bonds or Exchequer investment in NAMA during the financial crisis; the amount recouped to date; the value of the remaining investment in NAMA at current market value; the expected final surplus from NAMA when it winds up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50408/19]

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

*148. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in County Cork in relation to superannuation pensions policy will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [49802/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the expenditure required to respond to demographic pressures across each Department in each of the years 2020 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [49818/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the projected pre-committed expenditure in each of the years 2020 to 2025 in the event of an orderly Brexit by pre-committed spending categories of demographics, the Public Service Stability Agreement, carryover costs for Budget 2019 and 2020 and pre-committed capital expenditure in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [50099/19]
*151. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Brexit contingency funding allocated in each of the years 2020 to 2025 as outlined in table 11 of the economic and fiscal outlook in Budget 2020 will be allocated in the event of an orderly Brexit. — Pearse Doherty. [50100/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the pre-committed capital expenditure in each of the years 2020 to 2025. — Pearse Doherty. [50101/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the outcome of the most recent discussions held with departments and agencies in Northern Ireland in relation to cross-Border projects part funded by his Department or agencies under the remit of his Department in view of the possible impacts of Brexit on cross-Border development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50183/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the outcome of discussions held with the departments and agencies in Northern Ireland in relation to the development of projects on a cross-Border basis post-2020 which will be part funded by his Department or agencies under the remit of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50184/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on the Programme for Partnership Government commitment on transparent oversight of Departmental performance. — Micheál Martin. [50123/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the members of the 32nd Dáil Éireann and 25th Seanad Éireann that have drivers paid for by the Exchequer in each year since 2016, in tabular form; the number of drivers employed for this purpose; the salary costs; the amount claimed by way of mileage by the member concerned in circumstances in which their own vehicle is being used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [49697/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to abolish the daily telephone allowance for travel inside the European Union in view of the fact that roaming charges have been abolished. — Paul Murphy. [49736/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason TDs and Senators continue to be paid enhanced subsistence rates for overseas travel. — Paul Murphy. [49737/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the income raised in each of the past ten years from tickets sales to OPW heritage sites by heritage site. — Tom Neville. [49829/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position in relation to conciliation between OPW and a company (details supplied) in respect of Kevin Street Garda station; if the matter is being mediated; if legal proceedings have commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49850/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49909/19]
*162. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the recommendations in a report (details supplied) with regard to improving SME access to public procurement contracts; if his officials examined the proposal; and the findings of same. — Robert Troy. [50027/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the recommendations in a report (details supplied) with regard to improving SME access to public procurement contracts; if his officials examined the proposal; and the findings of same. — Robert Troy. [50028/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the recommendations in a report (details supplied) with regard to improving SME access to public procurement contracts; if his officials examined the proposal; and the findings of same. — Robert Troy. [50029/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the recommendations in a report (details supplied) with regard to improving SME access to public procurement contracts; if his officials examined the proposal; and the findings of same. — Robert Troy. [50030/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the spend by the Office of Government Procurement and as a percentage of the annual value of procurement on certified procurement and tendering training and education for both suppliers and buyers in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and the estimated cost of increasing the annual spend by proposal outlined (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [50032/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the third environmental impact assessment for the Glanmire flood relief scheme. — Sean Sherlock. [50050/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 314 of 26 November 2019, the estimated cost of the national children’s hospital in each of the years 2020 to 2022 that is additional to the amount allocated in the National Development Plan 2018-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [50118/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of a proposed beneficial land swap involving a school (details supplied) and his Department; when a decision will be made on the proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [50231/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of unoccupied State-owned properties; the cost associated with the maintenance and security of same; the number of properties rented by the State from private landlords; the cost of same by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [50310/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of Bills sponsored by his Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50324/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date on which the Office of Government Procurement ceased taking supplementary requests for tenders from framework clients of the multi supplier framework for the provision of external workplace investigations services 2015
in advance of the commencement of the replacement framework for such investigations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [50329/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date the last supplementary requests for tenders in regard to the multi supplier framework for the provision of external workplace investigations services 2015 were received by the Office of Government Procurement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [50330/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date the last award was notified to the successful framework member under the multi supplier framework for the provision of external workplace investigations services 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [50331/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the work of the community sector high level forum examining issues relating to community employment supervisors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [50383/19]

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

*177. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of plans to establish funding mechanisms for institutes of technology to support the development of their student accommodation capacity. — Darragh O’Brien. [50061/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that teachers remain unpaid for July provision carried out in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49689/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) was not successful in securing funding under the summer works scheme. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [49700/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) did not receive funding under the summer works scheme. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [49701/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding secondary school places in an area (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the concern among parents and children on lengthy waiting lists for a school place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [49730/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding secondary school places in an area (details supplied); if the local authority will be contacted regarding the need for an additional secondary school in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [49731/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if reviews have been undertaken to assess the degree of difficulty some students face in cases in which there is an apparent disparity in the way in which languages are taught and tested on the curriculum at leaving certificate level (details supplied); his plans to reform this aspect of the curriculum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49733/19]
*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of pupil teacher ratios in DEIS band schools; the efforts underway to bring down ratios and ensure smaller class sizes in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49740/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of school places available in second-level schools in Navan, Trim, Longwood, Oldcastle and Athboy, County Meath by school in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [49744/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of students seeking places in second-level schools in Navan, Trim, Longwood, Oldcastle and Athboy, County Meath by school in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [49745/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the minor works grant for a school (details supplied) for the 2019 school year; if the school will receive the grant in 2019; if so, when it is likely to be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49747/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a reply will issue to queries raised in correspondence from a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [49754/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the unacceptable and potentially dangerous conditions that students and staff are working under at a school (details supplied); his views on whether the leaking roof and the unsafe situation this presents needs urgent remedial work; if funding will be committed to same as a matter of priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [49755/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school building project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [49760/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a child (details supplied) will be offered a place in national school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [49801/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a school (details supplied) will receive a new building. — Peadar Tóibín. [49810/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the nature of works being carried out on a school (details supplied); the timeline for completion of the works; if he is satisfied that the level of works being carried out at the school is safe while the school is open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [49814/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a person (details supplied) will receive payment; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49830/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on capacity issues at a school (details supplied) in Dublin 15; the steps being taken to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49848/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the catchment area of the planned new primary school in Carrigaline, County Cork for 2020 excludes Crosshaven and its hinterland
from the area; if he will review the issue with his officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [49853/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the supports available to students with learning disabilities and autism when sitting the junior certificate examinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [49855/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there are circumstances in which students sitting the junior certificate examinations can apply for an extra allocation of time to complete the paper; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [49856/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the policy regarding students that are sick or suffered a bereavement on the day of a State examination; and if students with ongoing conditions can advise the State Examinations Commission in advance for the examination in case the symptom of the condition arises on the day of an examination. — Shane Cassells. [49857/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a building project application by a school (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [49861/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for an ASD unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [49871/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application for funding by a primary school (details supplied) in County Cork will be supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [49882/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a decision on the status of a school (details supplied) will be postponed until the new policy on small schools is published following the small schools symposium which met in June 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [49884/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a special classroom will open in a school (details supplied) for September 2020. — Thomas Byrne. [49889/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a summer works application by a school (details supplied) in County Mayo has been declined; the other appropriate funding stream that may be available for the works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [49892/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49902/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the school building project at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [49936/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if alternative arrangements will be made by which there are no provisions for students due to sit exams and due to unforeseen circumstances are
hospitalised as an emergency and in many cases have no alternative to leave hospital to sit exams in no fit conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [49938/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress on a new development (details supplied); if the deadline is the same for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49939/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) is large enough to cope with existing pupil numbers and growing numbers at the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49940/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost in capital or rental terms and the staffing costs to establish and maintain on a yearly basis the payroll shared services centre for the education and training boards in Blanchardstown, Dublin 15; if the facility will be operated through central funding only; if not, the alternative funding mechanism to be deployed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [49950/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that 16 children in a town (details supplied) have not secured a place in either of the two secondary schools in the town for the 2020/2021 school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [49952/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the procedure for a teacher teaching senior cycle on sick leave for more than one month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [50000/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the action being taken to address the shortage of places in second-level schools in south County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [50001/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the action being taken to address the shortage of ASD places in second-level schools in south County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [50002/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the action being taken to address the shortage of ASD places in second-level schools in Newbridge, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [50003/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the action being taken to address the shortage of ASD places in second-level schools in Kildare town, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [50004/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the action being taken to address the shortage of ASD places in second-level schools in Athy, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [50005/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the action being taken to address the shortage of places in second-level schools in Newbridge, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [50006/19]
*220. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of schools each patron body is a patron of at primary school level. — Ruth Coppinger. [50034/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of schools each patron body is a patron of at secondary school level. — Ruth Coppinger. [50035/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to purchase outright or seek a licence for a vacant site near a school (details supplied) to enable the school to provide for a fourth stream of junior infants to be taken in in September 2020; his further plans to allow for the construction of ASD units or to provide for a temporary site for the school while the major works necessary for the removal of pyrite from the foundations are carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [50064/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of pupils with regard to the 8,309 referrals for individual casework undertaken by NEPS psychologists during the 2016/2017 academic year that underwent direct assessment as part of the involvement of the psychologist. — Catherine Martin. [50066/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of plans for a permanent home for a school (details supplied); if a site for the school has been identified; and if so, the location of same. — Catherine Martin. [50067/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applications for SNA access made nationwide to the NCSE during the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 school years, respectively by county in tabular form. — Catherine Martin. [50076/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applications for SNA access made since the May 2019 allocation of SNA posts by county in a tabular form. — Catherine Martin. [50077/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated number of extra special needs assistants that would be needed in order to ensure there is a SNA for each class at primary and post-primary level; the estimated cost of such an increase in provision for primary and post-primary level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [50081/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of school transport to pupils living in the Ballyboughal area that will be attending a school (details supplied) which will open on the Rathbeale Road in September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [50120/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he is taking to resolve the shortage of secondary school places in Skerries, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [50134/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he is taking to resolve the shortage of primary school places in Skerries, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [50135/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a summer works scheme application by a school (details supplied) will be reviewed and approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50146/19]
*232. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if schools whose applications for grant aid under the summer works scheme external environment measure were not successful can appeal the decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50163/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 128 of 26 November 2013, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there was a surplus and or profit being used for day to day operations of the Bus Éireann business according to a special report on school transport by the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [50205/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the postal delivery of payslips for employees of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [50218/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) was refused funding under the summer works scheme; if the appeal will be accepted in view of the extenuating circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50221/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if children that are in direct provision and emergency accommodation have access to the home tuition grant; if this could be used to provide education to children that cannot access school or education in the normal manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [50224/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the mechanism by which children in direct provision that are also in emergency accommodation that cannot access school in the normal manner are identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [50225/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children between 6 and 16 years of age in direct provision that are not in school or being provided an education; the number between 5 and 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [50226/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount allocated to a town (details supplied) in each of the years 2011 to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50240/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if officials in his Department discussed the recent findings regarding statistics in the Ryan report. — Micheál Martin. [50125/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if special needs assistants are only required to work bell to bell in view of the fact they are paid on a 32 hour contract. — Stephen Donnelly. [50259/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a resolution to the school secretaries situation has been reached following the WRC discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50261/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if school transport to a school (details supplied) can be extended to Clogherinkoe, Broadford, County Kildare to accommodate children
living in the area that are hoping to attend the school in 2020/2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50264/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if schools whose applications were unsuccessful under the recent summer works scheme can appeal the decision in respect of necessary improvement works to be carried out under measure 10; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50275/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of Bills sponsored by his Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50317/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address the shortage of ASD places in second-level schools (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [50335/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter regarding a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [50384/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a large number of schools in County Galway appear to have long waiting lists of pupils that are due to go to second-level schools in 2020; if contingency plans are being drawn up to ensure each pupil will receive places in second-level schools September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50394/19]

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

*249. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the operational sub-group under the auspices of the Irish Refugee Protection Programme Taskforce composed of representatives from relevant Departments, local authorities and other bodies to support and coordinate the process of housing refugees. — Darragh O’Brien. [50058/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason for the two year delay for a review by the INIS of the EU treaty rights of a person (details supplied) who has applied for citizenship. — Paul Murphy. [49690/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 297 of 16 October 2018, the number of candidate complaints that were upheld and partially upheld, respectively, in relation to Garda to sergeant competitions in view of the fact that no reviews overturned the promotion and progression decision in the past two competitions (details supplied); if the candidates were afforded another interview; and if not, if this is in breach of the Public Service Appointments Code of Practice and other legislation. — John McGuinness. [49746/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a review of the impact of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017 will be held and completed; if it will examine specifically the impact of the changes in law on sex workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49764/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of criminal prosecutions of women and sex workers under the provisions of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017; the number
that relate to migrant and non-resident women and sex workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49765/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if An Garda Síochána keep a specific record of attacks and violence against sex workers here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49766/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if specific training for gardaí has been provided in the way in which to deal with migrant, non-resident and vulnerable sex workers and women that may face prosecution since the passing of the Criminal Law (Sexual offences ) Act 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49767/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if consideration has been given by his Department or An Garda Síochána to provide supports and or a dedicated liaison officer for sex workers to report on violence against them without fear of subsequently being prosecuted under the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49768/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which his Department can favourably consider offering a stamp 4 visa to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49775/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of community police in each of the districts in the Dublin metropolitan region division as of 25 November 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [49776/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the community sponsorship initiative that resettles refugees; the steps he has taken to promote and to draw the attention of communities aware to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [49784/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of community groups that have accessed the community sponsorship initiative; the supports in place for communities availing of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [49785/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when INIS will address the backlog of cases that have been put on hold awaiting the outcome of a decision (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [49787/19]

*262. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce legislation on bail reform; if so, the organisations he has or will consult with in advance of proposed changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [49791/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the plans to ratify to ratify the protocols as outlined in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [49798/19]

*264. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he is considering introducing legalisation which would allow judges to impose restrictions on bail conditions, such as curfews, exclusion or restricted zones and or ankle bracelets and so on for those charged with murder or manslaughter...
and that have a previous conviction involving violence; if so, the groups he has consulted with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [49803/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position in relation to residency requirements for acquiring Irish citizenship specifically for long-term residents with UK passports that wish to become Irish citizens; if an appeal mechanism is available when applications are refused due to time spent outside of the State in a given period; if an appeal of a decision can be made to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49820/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the development of a domestic violence risk assessment matrix by An Garda Síochána will be completed and operational across all divisions. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49824/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a family (details supplied) in County Louth can expect the post-mortem report following the sudden death of a person. — Gerry Adams. [49836/19]

*268. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí based at stations (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [49842/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí assigned to the drugs unit in the R district of the Dublin metropolitan region north division in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [49843/19]

*270. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí attached to the community relations unit by rank in the Dublin metropolitan region north to date in 2019. — Denise Mitchell. [49846/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of requests to get an earlier appointment with INIS for a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that the date they have received is past the expiry date of their present visa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [49872/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a speeding offence committed in the UK should be listed as a criminal record on Garda vetting disclosure documents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [49873/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the evaluation review of the community sponsorship Ireland pilot programme has been published; if so, the location in which a copy of the review can be viewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [49879/19]

*274. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of prosecutions under the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017 for the offence of purchasing sex. — Bríd Smith. [49885/19]

*275. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49908/19]
*276. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to update the Succession Act 1965; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50015/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to update the enabling legislation in relation to red light running cameras. — Catherine Martin. [50068/19]

*278. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons granted legal status to remain residing within direct provision services by county. — Gerry Adams. [50106/19]

*279. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the supports available to persons in Mosney direct provision centre that have been granted leave to remain and are seeking alternative accommodation; and the external agencies that are part of the process of support. — Gerry Adams. [50107/19]

*280. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the health services available to persons resident in Mosney direct provision centre; the specialist services available; the mental health services available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [50108/19]

*281. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if direct advocacy services are available to persons resident in Mosney direct provision centre. — Gerry Adams. [50109/19]

*282. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the transport services available to persons resident in Mosney direct provision centre. — Gerry Adams. [50110/19]

*283. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of recommendations of the McMahon Report that have and have not been implemented, respectively in each direct provision setting and service nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [50111/19]

*284. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if additional information will be provided further to his officials noting at the Oireachtas Committee of Public Accounts the establishment of a unit to support persons leaving direct provision centres dedicated to working with direct provision centre managers, local authorities and non-governmental organisations; and the status of plans for the unit. — Gerry Adams. [50112/19]

*285. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí assigned to County Wicklow in each of the past ten years by district and by speciality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [50195/19]

*286. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the ratio of total gardaí per population size assigned to County Wicklow and other divisions in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [50196/19]

*287. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the Legal Services Regulatory Authority has been fully established; the activities the authority has been engaged in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [50219/19]

*288. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the funding allocated to an area (details supplied) in each of the years 2011 to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50245/19]
*289. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of staff from his Department, the INIS, the RIA or other agencies employed in processing the applications of asylum seekers here; the reason the process is taking a long time resulting in persons spending years in direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [50267/19]

*290. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 809 of 23 July 2019, if a response has issued from the Garda Commissioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50271/19]

*291. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 940, 941, 942, 943 and 944 of 23 July 2019, if a response has issued from the Garda Commissioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50272/19]

*292. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Bills sponsored by his Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50323/19]

*293. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the overall allocation on the special employment initiative in each year since 2015; the allocation for 2020; the actual spend in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50397/19]

*294. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the proposal by the European Council for mandating disclosure of country-by-country reporting by multinational companies to highlight the issue of tax avoidance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [50300/19]

*295. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn to significant issues that arose recently for companies that must register their beneficial owners with the Register of Beneficial Ownership (details supplied); if this system can be streamlined in order to ensure the file of the registration details is informed of the precise reason for rejection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [50410/19]

*296. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the Programme for Partnership Government commitment to prioritise balanced regional development which will allow Ireland aim for an unemployment rate in each county that is within 1% of the State average by 2020, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [50026/19]

*297. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the spouse or de facto partner of a person that holds a stamp 1 critical skills employment permit is entitled to work here; if the spouse is required to apply for a work permit prior to entering employment here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [49876/19]

*298. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of external consultant reports commissioned by her Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49897/19]
*299. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the regional job targets and unemployment rate projections under the Programme for Partnership Government for 2020 and Enterprise 2025, by year and region in tabular form; the latest CSO figures at hand relating to these targets; the monitoring and reporting mechanisms in place; the annual job targets for the 2020 to 2024 period nationally and regionally in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [50024/19]

*300. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of members of each regional action plan implementation committee per region in tabular form; the gender breakdown; when each committee was first established; and the number of meetings to date. — Robert Troy. [50025/19]

*301. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the value of drawdowns issued under the credit guarantee scheme to date; the value of approvals to date; the detail of each drawdown by county and approval; the breakdown of drawdown and approvals by firm size of less than 10, 11 to 49, 50 to 249 and more than 250 employees in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [50033/19]

*302. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the uptake of the Brexit loan scheme; the number of applications that have been applied for and granted; the counties in which these businesses are located; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49753/19]

*303. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of work permits issued in 2018 and to date in 2019 by category of employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50094/19]

*304. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn to a number of determinations by the Workplace Relations Commission which remain unresolved owing to a lack of compliance with court orders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [50258/19]

*305. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the amount allocated to businesses and organisations in a town (details supplied) in each of the years 2011 to 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50241/19]

*306. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn to a number of determinations by the Workplace Relations Commission which remain unresolved owing to a lack of compliance with court orders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [50258/19]

*307. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of Bills sponsored by her Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50312/19]

*308. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the regional enterprise plans; her views on the way in which this will impact County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50412/19]
*309. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which job creation through enterprise and innovation continues notwithstanding competition by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50413/19]

*310. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which she can assist companies and sole traders seeking to employ persons from outside the EU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50414/19]

*311. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the degree to which she continues to encourage and foster job opportunities throughout the regions with particular reference to the need to ensure an even spread of employment opportunities nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50415/19]

*312. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the degree to which she continues to assist small and medium enterprises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50416/19]

*313. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the degree to which she continues to assist enterprises headed by women nationally with particular reference to the need to address previously recognised employment blackspots; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50417/19]

*314. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the degree to which she continues to promote, generate and support Irish business at home and abroad in view of ongoing challenges such as Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50418/19]

*315. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which adequate incentives remain available to encourage the indigenous sector with particular reference to job creation enterprises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50419/19]

*316. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to streamline the application process for work permits further with particular reference to the issuing of decisions in a quick manner therefore avoiding unnecessary delays for businesses in hiring the appropriate staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50420/19]

*317. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her Department and agencies under her remit will take a leading role in terms of promoting a better work-life balance for employees; the way in which remote working can assist with this objective; if consideration will be given to introducing guidelines regarding the right to disconnect as has happened in France; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50421/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*318. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is acceptable that a person (details supplied) is prevented from availing of 7.5 approved hours of home help per week despite the identification of a carer available and willing to do the hours due to the June 2019 instruction to the support team that the home help cannot commence unless it is end of life situation; the reason for the instruction; if it will be lifted immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [49688/19]
*319. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for a June 2019 instruction to the home support team in County Meath that no home helps can be agreed unless it is an end of life circumstance; the position regarding the 402 persons on the County Meath waiting list that have been fully assessed and have had their hours approved but that are not end of life; when this instruction will be lifted in view of the fact that it has removed all flexibility from the approvals system and is increasing the waiting list on a daily basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [49693/19]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is acceptable that a person (details supplied) is prevented from availing of 7.5 approved hours of home help per week despite the identification of a carer available and willing to do the hours due to the June 2019 instruction to the support team that the home help cannot commence unless it is end of life situation; the reason for the instruction; if it will be lifted immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [49694/19]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be secured to enable the work of the national platform of self-advocates to continue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [49695/19]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the level of reimbursement for a person (details supplied) is only €3,426 when the surgery costs £5,665 under the cross border directive; his plans to increase the level of reimbursement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [49696/19]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that presented at hospitals and emergency departments recorded as incidents of self harm and or attempted suicide in each of the years 2008 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and the number of same that registered as having no fixed abode or classified as homeless. — Bríd Smith. [49698/19]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health if there are funding mechanisms available to a person (details supplied) for braces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49699/19]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the independent review taking place on the emergency department in University Hospital Limerick; and the timeline for the completion of the review. — Tom Neville. [49702/19]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health the recommended number of physiotherapy sessions for a patient with spina bifida; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49713/19]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49728/19]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the status of progress on the endoscopy unit at Naas General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [49729/19]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the wording of the proposed Treatment of Cancer (Advertisements) Bill 2018 will have unforeseen and unintended consequences for the access to information by persons in relation to health resulting in potential access to complementary
and alternative medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [49732/19]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health the public nursing homes in south central areas of Dublin city. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [49734/19]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will approve the advertising of a position (details supplied); the reason for the delay in advertising this post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49742/19]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49743/19]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) is due a pension increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49759/19]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied with the methodology employed by the medical card applications client registration unit in the HSE; if he is satisfied that the use of the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection record of current employment by the HSE does not unfairly impinge on medical card applicants; if his attention has been drawn to incidences in which evidence of previous taxes in respect of previous employment as noted on the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection records has not been viewed as sufficient information provided in view of the fact there is no payslip or P45 dated within the past three months (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [49762/19]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure by which community based addiction organisations can apply to be recognised as a section 39 body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [49763/19]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for an eye test in primary care in CHO7 by county in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [49769/19]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for dental treatment in primary care in CHO7 by county in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [49770/19]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for a hearing test in primary care in CHO7 by county in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [49772/19]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an investigation into the way in which sensitive files at a location (details supplied) were found; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [49783/19]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an instruction issued in June 2019 to the home support team in County Meath that no home helps can be agreed unless it is an end of life circumstance; the position regarding the 450 persons on the waiting list in the county that have been fully assessed and have had their hours approved but that are not end of life cases; when the instruction will be lifted in view of the fact it has removed flexibility from the approvals system
and is increasing the waiting list on a daily basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [49789/19]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cardiology patients and the length of time they are on the waiting list at University Hospital Kerry in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [49795/19]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the reason further cuts are being imposed on the fees paid to pharmacists; if he will review the proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [49796/19]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to commence negotiations with pharmacy contractors regarding the unwinding of FEMPI for community pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [49797/19]

*344. 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. [49804/19]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is entitled to a public service pension in respect of their employment with a former health board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [49811/19]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the medical cannabis access programme that he has recently signed into operation on a pilot basis for a period of five years; if the programme will be rolled out nationwide; the access procedure once availability is in place; when supply arrangements will be operable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [49819/19]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health if he has examined the experience of certain US states in which they have increased the age that a person can buy tobacco from 18 to 21 years of age; and if such a move is permissible here. — Pat Deering. [49826/19]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health when extra home help hours will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49831/19]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health when a tender to supply products to a hospital (details supplied) in County Kerry will be up for renewal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49832/19]

*350. 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. [49835/19]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health if he will seek a review of the decision not to include a person (details supplied) in the reimbursement of costs of the drug ocrevus that are suffering from the primary progressive multiple sclerosis; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that only relapsing or remitting patients were approved for reimbursement costs; and if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the drug costs €7,000 per dose. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [49841/19]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [49849/19]
*353. To ask the Minister for Health the accuracy of the national bowel screening programme; if his attention has been drawn to failings in the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [49858/19]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that were affected by the scan scandal in University Hospital Kerry that have passed away to date; and when he will meet with the bereaved families that wish to meet with him as committed to on numerous occasions. — Martin Ferris. [49859/19]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to continue to fund the low-cost counselling service at a facility (details supplied): if a grant of €9,280 for 2019 will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [49865/19]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) did not have their adenoids removed as arranged at the same time as their tonsils under the treatment purchase fund scheme; if they will now be offered an early date for the operation; and if the urgent operation will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [49867/19]

*357. 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. [49886/19]

*358. 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. [49887/19]

*359. 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. [49888/19]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pregnant mothers that used the anomaly scan in Cavan General Hospital to date per month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49893/19]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49906/19]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the home support budget for north County Dublin to date in 2019. — Louise O’Reilly. [49913/19]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49916/19]

*364. 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. [49917/19]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49919/19]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a procedure for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49920/19]
*367. 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. [49921/19]

*368. 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. [49922/19]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the homecare budget for the west County Cork area; and his views on same. — Michael Collins. [49924/19]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the HSE plan for homecare for 2020; and his views on same. — Michael Collins. [49925/19]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the home help plan being rolled out from 2020; if there will be an onus on the caree to pay in part for the home help provided; and the details of same. — Michael Collins. [49926/19]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health the number of addiction liaison midwives that have been funded nationwide; the number currently in post; and the plans in place to fill the outstanding posts including University Maternity Hospital, Limerick. — Jan O’Sullivan. [49927/19]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the recent closing of the stoma clinic at University Hospital Waterford; if it is only UHW affected by the closure; if it is a new change of policy; the stoma support facilities and or resources in place throughout other regional hospitals in comparison such as Cork and Limerick; and if information on the reopening and or the contingencies being put in place will be provided. — Stephen Donnelly. [49935/19]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health the status of equipment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49937/19]

*375. 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. [49944/19]

*376. 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. [49945/19]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding residential housing for persons with an intellectual disability in County Wexford; the reason a person may secure a place on the waiting list; the average length of time spent on the urgent waiting list; the number of persons on the urgent waiting list; his plans for additional housing for persons with an intellectual disability in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [49951/19]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health if a bed in the Mater Hospital, Dublin will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49953/19]

*379. 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. [49955/19]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health if he will unwind FEMPI cuts to pharmacy fees; if he will reconsider the cuts to pharmacy funding due to be introduced on 1 January 2020; if he will
commence negotiations on a new pharmacy contract; if he will invest in improved pharmacy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [49956/19]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [49957/19]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on scheduling ankle surgery at University Hospital Limerick for a person (details supplied). — Stephen Donnelly. [49958/19]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on supplying home help hours to the family of a person (details supplied). — Stephen Donnelly. [49959/19]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) was informed that they should check themselves out of Drogheda Hospital, make their own way up to Beaumont Hospital and be reassessed there for surgery. — Peadar Tóibín. [49968/19]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for and the detail of the significant variance between waiting time for surgery under the care of different consultants; and the variance from the mean in this regard. — Peadar Tóibín. [49971/19]

*386. 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. [49980/19]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an orthodontic appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [49987/19]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding residential housing for persons with an intellectual disability in County Wexford; the reason a person may secure a place on the waiting list; the average length of time spent on the urgent waiting list; the number of persons on the urgent waiting list; his plans for additional housing for persons with an intellectual disability in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [49988/19]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the position of ECC P142 permanent healthcare assistant, theatre at Portiuncula University Hospital, Ballinasloe as advertised in September 2019 has not been filled even though a transfer request into the position has been made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [49990/19]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a surgery appointment for a person (details supplied) at Beaumont Hospital; the reason for the delay; the timeline for surgery to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [49991/19]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to roll out the BreastCheck mobile unit to a town (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [49992/19]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health when the BreastCheck mobile unit will be rolled out to a town (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [49993/19]
*393. To ask the Minister for Health if there are persons resident here in receipt of a direct payment from his Department or the HSE for the purchase of homecare under the intensive homecare package. — Gerry Adams. [50009/19]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in CHO area 9 waiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care as of 25 November 2019; the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and over 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50012/19]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on funding by his Department for the pharmacy sector; when FEMPI cuts to pharmacy fees will be restored in view of his commitment at a conference (details supplied) in May 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50020/19]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting a long time for occupational therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50021/19]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a child (details supplied) in need of dental care will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [50049/19]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a meeting by an association (details supplied) with the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health in which the CEO of the association stated the preference of members for an integrated hotel model of care and to continue a service; his plans to take action in relation to the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [50078/19]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that an association (details supplied) did not undertake a consultation with its members in relation to the closure of a centre in advance of the announcement of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [50079/19]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a meeting by an association (details supplied) with the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health during which its CEO stated that it would not be closing a centre if it had been able to attain funding; his plans to secure the funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [50080/19]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health further to Topical Issue No. 3 of 21 November 2019, when the person will receive a homecare package as per the request in the Topical Issue; the reason a reply was not furnished on 21 November 2019 or no reference made to the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [50090/19]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the frustration expressed by community pharmacists due to the failure to restore the levels of fees previously paid to the sector for the provision of medicines and services which were reduced under FEMPI; if his attention has been further drawn to claims made by unions representing the sector that a failure to reverse the cuts poses a risk to the sustainability of community pharmacies particularly in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [50091/19]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 314 of 26 November 2019, the difference between €1,433 million and the sum of the amounts quoted in the table for
2020, 2021 and 2022 equates to the amount that has been spent to date on the national children’s hospital; the amount of each of the figures quoted in the table that has already been allocated to his Department under the National Development Plan 2018-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [50119/19]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No.129 of 14 November 2019, the status of the sodium valproate response report which was recently presented to him; the actions or outcomes anticipated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [50159/19]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the widespread concerns in relation to the proposal by an association (details supplied) to close a centre; if his attention has been further drawn to the views expressed at a recent meeting of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health regarding the need to retain the centre in view of the important services provided to many persons with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50160/19]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health if he has had oversight of the selection process for the pharmacy contract for the State-funded primary care centres; if not, if it is a local matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [50161/19]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for renovation work to commence at a dental clinic (details supplied) in County Kildare in view of the fact that the clinic was not allocated capital funding for 2020 and will remain closed; if an interim solution will be provided in view of the fact that persons in the area are without dental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [50185/19]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health if suitable home help hours will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [50186/19]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the limited number of persons with disabilities in receipt of personal assistance hours in CHO6 with just nine persons in receipt of same at the end of June 2019 compared to CHO5 in which 422 persons were receiving personal assistance hours on the same date; and the number of persons in County Wicklow in receipt of personal assistance hours. — Stephen Donnelly. [50187/19]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the gynaecological services at Our Lady’s Hospital, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim; if no reduction in gynaecological services at the hospital will be guaranteed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [50188/19]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the homecare budget; the areas receiving funding in the allocation, for example, the provision of hours, administration and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50189/19]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health the future of homecare under the Sláintecare model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50190/19]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health the funding and services available to couples seeking IVF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [50201/19]
*414. To ask the Minister for Health the number of child patients that have been transferred by taxi from Temple Street Children’s University Hospital to Children’s Health Ireland at Connolly Hospital since 31 July 2019. — Stephen Donnelly. [50210/19]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health the number of blood samples that have been transferred by taxi from the Children’s Health Ireland at Connolly Hospital to Temple Street Children’s University Hospital since 31 July 2019 to date in 2019 in the presence of a hospital employee during transfer; the number of taxi journeys involved; and if the blood samples were at all times in the presence of a hospital employee during their transfer. — Stephen Donnelly. [50211/19]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff positions unfilled in Children’s Health Ireland at Connolly Hospital. — Stephen Donnelly. [50212/19]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health when Children’s Health Ireland at Connolly Hospital will be open Monday to Sunday 8am to 6pm. — Stephen Donnelly. [50213/19]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health if all blood samples taken Children’s Health Ireland at Connolly Hospital are transferred elsewhere for analysis. — Stephen Donnelly. [50214/19]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that have experienced an emergency department wait time of less than 6, 6 to 12, 12 to 24 and more than 24 hours for each hospital in the Children’s Hospital group to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Stephen Donnelly. [50215/19]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have the items noted in their assessment of need report implemented by South Lee ASD services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50216/19]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the approval of replacement staff for the assessment of primary medical certificates in County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50222/19]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the drug spinraza; the way in which it is being rolled out; and the process and reason for the way in which it is being dispensed in view of the fact that there are still children awaiting its administration. — Gino Kenny. [50227/19]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health if surgery will be scheduled for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [50228/19]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary care centres and locations in which community services operate from in County Meath; the services available in each location, for example, occupational therapy and public health nursing; and the times such services are available in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [50229/19]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults that have been supported by his Department in accessing mental health treatments abroad in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [50230/19]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the provision of asthma inhalers is not included on the long term illness scheme; if he will reconsider same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [50234/19]
*427. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of respite services for adults with disabilities in Athboy, County Meath (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [50236/19]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health the funding his Department and the HSE allocated to a town (details supplied) in each of the years 2011 to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50242/19]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment for chiropody treatment will be made available for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50265/19]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health if an increase in occupational therapy services will be provided for school age children attending a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [50273/19]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health if the reason a rental charge has been put in place for a dispensary service (details supplied) will be investigated. — Robert Troy. [50277/19]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a newly-qualified clinical psychologist remains jobless since September 2019 owing to recruitment restrictions in counties Mayo, Galway, Roscommon, Sligo and Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [50285/19]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) can expect to receive services and therapies from the early intervention team and the primary care system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [50287/19]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health the name, title, level and division of each person within the HSE CHO5 management structure not restricted to the heads of service; the person or body to which they report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [50298/19]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that only a fraction of the cost of medical procedures is being refunded to patients that have surgery carried out under the cross border directive such as in the case of a patient (details supplied) in County Galway; if this partial refund is a new policy direction; if not, the steps that can be taken by patients to recover their out of pocket spending; if there are other medical schemes that can help patients in this situation including but not limited to the NTPF treatment abroad scheme and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [50299/19]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults with an intellectual disability awaiting residential care in County Wexford; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24, 36 and 48 months, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [50305/19]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health the community dieticians in mental health, disability and primary care by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [50306/19]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital bed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50308/19]
*439. To ask the Minister for Health if the home share legislation and regulations drafted by the home share national expert group in 2016 have been considered; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons availing of the service are experiencing inequity in view of the fact that home sharing arrangements do not have the same protections as that of those providing foster care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [50309/19]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Bills sponsored by his Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50321/19]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health the status of Bills (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50328/19]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health the homecare budget for 2019 in the CH07 region; the amount that was allocated; the additional funding provided; the estimated spend for the remainder of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [50333/19]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for a group (details supplied) will be secured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50334/19]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the HSE review of the North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Taskforce. — Mary Lou McDonald. [50336/19]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider appointing a patient advocate to the National Screening Advisory Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [50388/19]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health when the minimum pricing provisions of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 will be commenced; the reason for the delay in doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50400/19]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health the amount provided for homecare in counties Galway and Mayo, respectively in 2019; the number of persons in receipt of a homecare service; the number of persons on the waiting lists for the service; the average number of hours of homecare provided to each recipient each week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50406/19]

*448. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applicants selected for a remote sensing inspection in respect of the various 2019 area based schemes; the number of inspections in respect of the cases that have taken place; the number finalised and processed to payment stage; and the number of such applicants that have and have not received their 2019 payments in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [49788/19]

*449. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a person (details supplied) will be included in the beef environmental efficiency pilot 2019 scheme; if their letter of appeal with proof of postage showing that their application was submitted within the timeframe will be considered by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [49863/19]
*450. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when works will be carried out at a pier (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49868/19]

*451. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if lands belonging to farmers in which the OPW construct temporary roads to transport rock for flood prevention works on river banks will continue to meet the land eligibility requirements for basic payment and area of natural constraints scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49870/19]

*452. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a forest aerial fertilisation plan by Coillte in north-east County Clare (details supplied) particularly in relation to spray drift and the possibility of fertiliser entering the water tables via Lough Graney; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [49877/19]

*453. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS appeal application by a person (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [49891/19]

*454. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49896/19]

*455. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if basic payment parcels in respect of a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49914/19]

*456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department provides grant funding for anaerobic digesters; if not, his plans to introduce same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [49915/19]

*457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department had a consultation with the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment on the introduction of grant support for anaerobic digesters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [49918/19]

*458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a forestry application by a person (details supplied) in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [49923/19]

*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if medical evidence submitted by a person (details attached) will be considered as force majeure in respect of an area of natural constraints scheme application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49929/19]

*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a forestry application by a person (details supplied) that was submitted in March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [49941/19]

*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the protocol of under 30 months in relation to the agreement to export beef to China was at the insistence of the Chinese authorities; if not, the origin of the protocol; if Brazil, Argentina or Paraguay have the right to
export beef over 30 months of age to China; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [49954/19]

*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and date of each visit he took to Howth Harbour to date in 2019, in tabular form; the purpose of each visit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50011/19]

*463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter regarding a pier (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50089/19]

*464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a group (details supplied) will be included along with the other farmers representatives in the discussions with the relevant meat factories and retailers; if it will be accepted as part of the taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [50194/19]

*465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of Bills sponsored by his Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50311/19]

*466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount sanctioned in each year for marine works on piers in the charge of Galway County Council in each year since 2012; the piers for which the work was sanctioned; the amount drawn down in each year by the council for the works; the piers or works which were sanctioned and for which there was a partial drawdown or no drawdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50392/19]

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

*467. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding smoky fuels that cause air pollution in towns and impact public health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [49782/19]

*468. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the grants available towards the installation of an air to water heating system to a home. — Robert Troy. [50233/19]

*469. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the initial investment in the National Broadband Plan by companies (details supplied). — Jack Chambers. [49715/19]

*470. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when a company (details supplied) first indicated that it would be investing in the National Broadband Plan. — Jack Chambers. [49716/19]

*471. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the contractual responsibilities of a company (details supplied) in the context of the National Broadband Plan. — Jack Chambers. [49717/19]
472. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the due diligence undertaken of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49718/19]

473. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has met with representatives of a company (details supplied); and if so, the context and the date of the meetings. — Jack Chambers. [49719/19]

474. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when his attention was drawn to the fact that a company (details supplied) was no longer a financial backer of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49720/19]

475. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the results of a recent mapping consultation for the National Broadband Plan will be published. — Jack Chambers. [49721/19]

476. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the contract for the National Broadband Plan requires a company (details supplied) to make further investments in a scenario in which the plan requires additional funding; if they are contained within the signed contract; if the details of the requirements will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49722/19]

477. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a company (details supplied) submitted a pre-qualification questionnaire; if so, the date on which it was submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [49723/19]

478. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of homes in the intervention area that are connected to high speed wireless internet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [49724/19]

479. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of homes in the intervention area that will be connected to high speed wireless internet following the consultation process on the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [49725/19]

480. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a company (details supplied) will be paid by the State if fibre optic is run to a home but is not connected or used by the resident of the home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [49726/19]

481. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which the climate action programme here will move closer to international targets in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [49773/19]

482. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he and or his officials attended a function at a location in the past ten days (details supplied); if so, if he will provide a schedule of costs regarding this function; the reason for the function to be held; the persons that attended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49805/19]
*483. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 178 of 6 February 2019, if consideration has been given to homes receiving a second round of works under the warmth and wellbeing scheme as stated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [49851/19]

*484. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49899/19]

*485. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a full historical schedule of fees paid to a company (details supplied) will be provided by the number of projects and or assignments the company was engaged on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49947/19]

*486. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if education training boards are bodies for the purposes of section 15 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [50065/19]

*487. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to ensure that large data farms make sufficient financial contributions for the required supporting infrastructure including power generation and transmission; his views on whether their purchasing of renewable electricity may be restricting the availability of renewable electricity to residential consumers; and if he will consider regulating to ensure that their waste heat is used and not wasted. — Catherine Martin. [50069/19]

*488. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the lack of permanent air quality monitoring in the north inner city areas of Dublin; his plans to provide same; and if the presentation of data in a manner that is more accessible to the general public will be included. — Catherine Martin. [50070/19]

*489. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the outcome of the most recent discussions he and or his officials had with their counterparts in Northern Ireland in relation to the proposed north south interconnector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50173/19]

*490. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the planning application in Northern Ireland in relation to the proposed north south interconnector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50174/19]

*491. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the procurement processes undertaken to date by EirGrid in relation to the proposed north south interconnector; if Departmental approval was necessary to allow procurement to proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50175/19]

*492. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures that have been put in place to clear the backlog of applications for the warmer homes scheme under the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland. — Barry Cowen. [50192/19]
*493. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding allocated to an area (details supplied) in each of the years 2011 to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50244/19]

*494. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if regulations will be introduced in order that waste management companies will be obliged to offer a recycling service to residents (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [50257/19]

*495. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of Bills sponsored by his Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50314/19]

*496. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the person or body that oversees that the conditions of prospecting and mining licences are adhered to; the number of members of staff dedicated to this work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50399/19]

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

*497. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to deal with the extra regulations that will be in place on the haulage and freight industry following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [49703/19]

*498. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that motor tax customers that choose to pay their motor tax in instalments rather than in one sum pay higher rates of motor tax; and if he has considered the inconvenience that this may present to customers that are financially unable to meet the entire cost at once. — Marc MacSharry. [49756/19]

*499. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason and or context and the consultation Irish Rail undertook in respect of the peak time initiative; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many persons are bound by core hour contracts and do not have the flexibility in their employment to engage with the initiative; if he and or his officials have used Irish Rail services in the manner that Irish Rail are promoting in terms of peak time travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49790/19]

*500. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will request Irish Rail to provide a train that will serve Thurles to arrive in Kent Station, Cork at 8.30 am on week days (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [49794/19]

*501. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider rerouting the 190 and 109b through the village of Robinstown, County Meath (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [49806/19]

*502. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the projects his Department plans to submit for funding through the Connecting Europe facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49834/19]
*503. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the income received by Dublin Bus from advertising in each of the years 2015 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [49874/19]

*504. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of state subvention supplied to Dublin Bus in each of the years 2015 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [49875/19]

*505. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49912/19]

*506. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of class 3 cul-de-sac local roads which have been resurfaced by local authorities in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, excluding CIS funded resurfacing by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [49973/19]

*507. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the inequitable situation that persons living on class 3 cul-de-sac roads have to tolerate in that the only chance of having such roads resurfaced is by means of the CIS scheme; his views on the unfairness of those persons having to pay towards the upkeep of the roads in addition to paying road tax and other taxes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [49974/19]

*508. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that since the introduction of the CIS scheme that class 3 cul-de-sac roads are being overlooked in the normal course of a local authority roadworks programme; if he will consider issuing guidelines to local authorities to allocate a percentage of their road works funding to class 3 cul-de-sac roads in proportion to the lengths in kilometre of those roads needing resurfacing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [49974/19]

*509. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will reconsider the upgrade of the N81 as a priority for future capital roads plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [49983/19]

*510. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he can assist rural communities dealing with transport in areas not served by public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [50008/19]

*511. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 546 of 22 October 2019, the date and day on which the survey of services at peak hour in Chapelizod, Dublin 20 was conducted; if the survey was conducted by NTA staff on site in Chapelizod; if not, if the survey relied on on-board bus information; and the number of persons travelling on each bus was logged. — Brid Smith. [50042/19]

*512. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will increase capacity on a train line (details supplied) from west County Dublin to Connolly Station in order to overcome existing overcrowding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [50052/19]

*513. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the level of provision for the carriage of bikes he plans to provide in future commuter and inter-city train carriages in view of
the shortcomings of existing provision; and if the provision in Denmark and other countries will be examined which provide flexible solutions (details supplied). — Catherine Martin. [50071/19]

*514. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Road Traffic Act 2004 (details supplied) does not appear to allow for 20km per hour or 40km per hour speed limits; and if such speeds will be provided. — Catherine Martin. [50072/19]

*515. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he plans to provide a new national pedestrian safety action plan in view of the fact the existing publication is out of date. — Catherine Martin. [50075/19]

*516. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has been presented with briefings, draft reports or final reports by organisations in relation to an association (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [50133/19]

*517. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will request Bus Éireann to investigate numerous disruptions on a bus service (details supplied); and if the extenuating circumstance in a case will be acknowledged and the matter urgently rectified. — Niamh Smyth. [50158/19]

*518. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the routes and timetables on which 24-hour bus routes will be rolled out in the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O’Brien. [50191/19]

*519. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a wall at a location (details supplied) in County Cork will be reinstated following damage during the carrying out of roadworks. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [50199/19]

*520. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he has taken to ensure there is an adequate availability of wheelchair accessible taxis; his plans to expand wheelchair accessible taxi availability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [50200/19]

*521. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if sport capital grant applications from schools whose land is owned by a body (details supplied) will be accepted; the way in which to secure the grant with the permission of the landowner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [50217/19]

*522. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason the new right-hand turning lanes at both the Cootehall and Croghan junctions on the N4 have not been installed in view of a commitment by TII in 2018; the status of the planning and design report for the works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [50220/19]

*523. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount allocated to a town (details supplied) in each of the years 2011 to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50237/19]

*524. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the grants including sport capital grants available for sports clubs in the Dublin 7 area. — Mary Lou McDonald. [50266/19]
*525. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if drivers that transport livestock are exempted from the need to take breaks under tachograph rules and regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O’Donovan. [50268/19]

*526. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the urgent plans he is putting in place in relation to the provision of effective life jackets for the Irish Coast Guard volunteer crews; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the life jacket failings were brought to the attention of the authorities many years ago. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [50270/19]

*527. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a sports capital grant of €150,000 will be allocated to a sports club (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that no planning permission is required for the works; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that a grant for this purpose was only sought for the first time recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [50286/19]

*528. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the new DART carriages that have been ordered include wheelchair ramps that can be used by wheelchair users as needed and do not need to be booked ahead to have a ramp ready; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [50289/19]

*529. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the wheelchair accessible bus stops in County Wicklow; the non-wheelchair accessible bus stops in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [50303/19]

*530. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of Bills sponsored by his Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50327/19]

*531. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of sports clubs supported under the sports capital programme since it was re-established in 2011; the amount allocated under the programme since it was re-established; the average grant per organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [50386/19]

*532. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of sports clubs supported under the sports capital programme since it was re-established in 2011 by amount received and county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [50387/19]

*533. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Galway County Council has sought special funding for the upgrade or replacement on the bridges leading from Béal an Daingin all the way to Leitir Mealláin, Contae na Gaillimhe which are the only access to and from the Islands of Eanach Mheáin, Leitir Móir, Gorumna and Leitir Mealláin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50393/19]

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

*534. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of full-time equivalent staff employed by Pobal for the administration of funding of early learning and care schemes by scheme in tabular form; if she is satisfied that Pobal is adequately resourced to administer the funds in view of the ongoing delays being experienced in the allocation of higher capitation funding; the requests Pobal has made for additional resources to address capacity shortfall for fund administration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [49758/19]
*535. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the ongoing payment delays that are being experienced by early years settings in respect of higher capitation payments; if she is satisfied that the overarching service level agreement with Pobal to dispense the funds is fit for purpose; the status of the work being carried out to develop individual agreements in respect of each funding stream Pobal manages on behalf of her Department; the sanctions in place for non-performance in respect of the overarching SLA between her Department and Pobal; the evaluation process for Pobal in terms of fulfilling its remit under the SLA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [49757/19]

*536. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of vacancies by role in each of the Tusla areas nationwide; the timeframe for filling the vacancies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [49780/19]

*537. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason a facility (details supplied) was only awarded 30 weeks access and inclusion level 7 additional assistance for a child attending for 38 weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [49813/19]

*538. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to continue to fund the low-cost counselling service at a facility (details supplied): if a grant of €9,280 for 2019 will be approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [49866/19]

*539. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of external consultant reports commissioned by her Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49898/19]

*540. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the subsidy payable to a person (details supplied) under both the CCSP and national childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [50051/19]

*541. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of early years service providers that are due to re-register by the end of December 2019; and if Tusla has adequate resources to ensure this process is completed in a timely manner. — Mary Lou McDonald. [50088/19]

*542. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will address a matter regarding supervised visits (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [50168/19]

*543. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of completed applications received by Tusla from early years services re-registering their service in 2019; the number fully re-registered; the number that submitted incomplete applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [50207/19]

*544. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason Tusla in its letter to each registered early years provider on 18 November 2019 issued by a person (details supplied) noted that providers are experiencing difficulties in finding competent persons to complete fire risk assessments for those that require same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [50208/19]

*545. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason Tusla used the definition of a competent person in its Guide to Fire and Planning Requirements for Early Years Services
Re-Registration and Change of Circumstances Process document as it is defined in the Code of Practice for Inspecting and Certifying Buildings and Works, as opposed to the definition outlined in the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbite. [50209/19]

*546. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding allocated to an area (details supplied) and its surrounds in each of the years 2011 to 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50248/19]

*547. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if AIM support funding awarded to a school (details supplied) can be backdated allowing for 38 weeks of payment in line with the number of weeks in the preschool year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50262/19]

*548. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of Bills sponsored by her Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50313/19]

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

*549. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding allocated to a town (details supplied) in each of the years 2011 to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50239/19]

*550. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding allocated to County Kildare in each year since the commencement of the town and village renewal scheme; the amount granted to other counties in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [49774/19]

*551. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49910/19]

*552. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding allocated to a town (details supplied) since the inception of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50238/19]

*553. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of Bills sponsored by his Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50325/19]

*554. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount available to each LAG for projects under the Leader programme; the amount approved for projects to date by LAG; the amount expended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50398/19]

*555. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the projects by type approved under the rural regeneration and development fund to date; the lead agency in each case; the amount sanctioned in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50401/19]
Chun an Aire Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

*556. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to honour the LRC recommendations in relation to pension rights for those in community employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [49864/19]

*557. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of discussions on an agreed funding package for community employment supervisors in relation to the pension and gratuity claim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [50156/19]

*558. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if special needs assistants are entitled to claim unemployment benefit in cases in which their hours are reduced. — Stephen Donnelly. [50260/19]

*559. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on an application by a person (details supplied) the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49727/19]

*560. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied) has been refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [49761/19]

*561. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the assurances that can be given to those jobseekers’ assigned to a UK company (details supplied) which stores private data in its head office in Hoxley, UK, that their personal data is fully protected; the way in which persons can be assured that this will be the case post-Brexit in view of the fact this private data will fall outside the protection of EU or Irish law; and the measures that have been put in place to ensure same. — Thomas Pringle. [49781/19]

*562. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will consider extending the Christmas bonus to those in receipt of illness benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [49793/19]

*563. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the respite care allowance by county in tabular form; the criteria for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49809/19]

*564. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision on a disability allowance claim by a person (details supplied) will be finalised. — Sean Sherlock. [49812/19]

*565. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the conclusions of the 1995 technical committee as reported on in 2007 regarding roles and duty definitions within her Department were implemented; the person or body that monitors the implementation of the conclusions; if PMDS recognises the conclusions of the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [49822/19]

*566. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the group charged with examining enforcement of child maintenance payments; when it will be set-up; the
nature of its composition; the terms of reference; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [49823/19]

*567. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of a proposal (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [49827/19]

*568. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of social protection payments made in respect of qualified adults by age cohort, gender and social protection payment. — Peter Burke. [49828/19]

*569. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) in County Kerry on disability allowance and that was in receipt of fuel allowance for 2018/2019 did not receive it automatically for 2019/2020 and had to make a new application resulting in losing the fuel allowance payment for one month; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49833/19]

*570. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason pensioners that have paid class K and M contributions in the relevant tax years cannot avail of the treatment benefit scheme; and her views on this group of PRSI contributors being left without access to treatment benefit. — Shane Cassells. [49854/19]

*571. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance appeal application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49869/19]

*572. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the cost of the Christmas bonus by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49880/19]

*573. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of external consultant reports commissioned by her Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49903/19]

*574. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer’s allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [49930/19]

*575. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a review of a carer’s allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [49946/19]

*576. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the projected pension rate and total reckonable contributions for a person (details supplied) on their retirement in 2022 based on the pension changes which are due to come into effect in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [49948/19]

*577. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive confirmation if a balance of payment is owing from their UK state pension made to the authorities here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [49949/19]
*578. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of staff employed in the partial capacity benefit section; and the average processing time for a partial capacity benefit application. — Thomas P. Broughan. [49972/19]

*579. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the latest available data on food poverty here; the way in which Ireland compares to the rest of the EU in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [49975/19]

*580. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [49986/19]

*581. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [49999/19]

*582. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applications for carer’s allowance and carer’s benefit received to date in 2019; the number approved, pending or refused, respectively; the length of time taken to make decisions on the applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50014/19]

*583. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application for a disability allowance for a person (details supplied) in County Kildare will be expedited in view of their health issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [50092/19]

*584. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an illness benefit payment in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [50093/19]

*585. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the interdepartmental group review into the community employment, rural social scheme and Tús has been completed; if a copy of the report will be made available to this Deputy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [50162/19]

*586. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding community employment pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50182/19]

*587. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress made following the meeting held with representatives of community employment supervisors in relation to the provision of a pension in view of the Labour Court Recommendation over 11 years ago for an agreed pension to be put in place. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [50193/19]

*588. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which income from renting a room is treated in a means test for the one parent family payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [50197/19]

*589. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to a carer’s allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [50198/19]
*590. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) regarding a domiciliary care allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50235/19]

*591. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when backdated partial capacity and invalidity pension payments will be issued to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50263/19]

*592. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 478 of 26 November 2019, if the files will be further reviewed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [50269/19]

*593. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on a farm assist appeal by persons (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50276/19]

*594. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if qualifying applicants for the fuel allowance will be assured that they will continue to receive the payment in 2020 and into the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [50282/19]

*595. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the backlog that exists in processing applications for PPS numbers; the impact it is having on employers seeking to recruit critical skills shortages particularly in the building trades; the way in which she plans to address the problem; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [50302/19]

*596. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when arrears will issue to a person (details supplied) in relation to an invalidity pension application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [50307/19]

*597. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the impact on pension entitlements for carers that took time out of the workforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50150/19]

*598. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of Bills sponsored by her Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50318/19]

*599. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a contributory pension application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50332/19]

*600. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the rates paid to the companies for each person that is referred to them with regard to the various companies that run the JobPath scheme; the stage in the process the payment or payments are made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50389/19]
*602. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 628 of 22 October 2019, if the nature of clerical error is an isolated incident with the company involved; if not, the number of such errors with the company and the dates on which they occurred; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50390/19]

*603. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the safeguards in place to ensure that the signature on the personal progression plan forms used by Turas Nua is in fact the signature of the person identified on the form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50391/19]

*604. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the circumstances in which her Department may request that a person hand up their passport and retain this passport for up to 21 days; the Act under which such a decision is made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50396/19]

*605. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his Department recognises a diagnosis of autism as a disability in cases in which families apply for housing to their local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [49714/19]

*606. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will report on the complaints mechanism for persons and families in emergency accommodation; if his officials examine, report on and investigate complaints received; the number of complaints received in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by the type of emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [49777/19]

*607. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of apartments and houses known to his Department to have substandard fire safety standards; the person or body responsible for taking action to correct the defects; his plans to ensure such homes meet the safety standards required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49807/19]

*608. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he will implement the recommendation of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Climate Action to revise the planning regulations to remove planning restrictions on solar PV panels in order to enable increased microgeneration capacity at household, farm and small enterprise levels. — Thomas Pringle. [49808/19]

*609. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of new builds undertaken by public bodies and or local authorities by county in tabular form to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49815/19]

*610. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when guidelines for cost-effective analysis documents for local authorities will be launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh Ó’Brien. [49895/19]

*611. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49907/19]
*612. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the homes brought into use under the repair and leasing scheme; the number of applications and overall expenditure with regard to same by year and local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [49928/19]

*613. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding provided to Irish Water for 2019; the amount spent to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [49969/19]

*614. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if consideration has been given to setting up a redress scheme for homeowners that find their properties have sub-standard fire safety standards and in which the developer and builder is no longer solvent; the responsibility and role of State agencies including local authorities and planning regulators in enforcing the original regulations regarding safety standards in such developments; if he has a role in ensuring breaches are pursued and corrected if clear breaches of existing regulations have been committed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49977/19]

*615. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will ensure that lenders here support homeowners that are affected by MICA to access the 10% finance needed for the redress scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [49984/19]

*616. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to have an annual review of the regional spatial and economic strategy for the eastern and midlands area to allow for changes and additional inclusions into the strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [49985/19]

*617. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of officials in his Department working on housing by the area of work, policy and so on; the number of officials by grade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50016/19]

*618. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of officials in his Department working on housing that have experience working in organisations at the frontline of the housing and or homeless sector by the area of work, policy and so on; the number of officials by grade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50017/19]

*619. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the real life experience of homelessness that is taken into account in the policy formation of his Department; if his officials liaise with charities and service users; if not, the reason therefor; if he will consider same going forward; if so, the organisations which will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50018/19]

*620. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the real life experience of renting taken into account in policy formation of his Department; if his officials liaise with organisations and tenants; if not, the reason therefor; if he will consider same going forward; if so, the organisations which will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50019/19]
*621. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of plans to put in place one stop shop assessment centres with multi-agency participation making the best use of modern technology for families presenting as homeless. — Darragh O’Brien. [50053/19]

*622. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of plans to rollout nationally the Dublin region protocol in relation to appropriate responses to child protection and welfare concerns among families in emergency accommodation. — Darragh O’Brien. [50054/19]

*623. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of plans to implement national procedures to enhance inter-agency arrangements regarding the release and accommodation of sex offenders. — Darragh O’Brien. [50055/19]

*624. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the National Housing Strategy for People with Disabilities 2011-2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [50057/19]

*625. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of plans to increase the capacity through increased borrowing and access to HFA financing for participating local authorities to provide matching funding for the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund. — Darragh O’Brien. [50059/19]

*626. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of plans to establish bodies such as approved housing bodies in the higher education institutions sector to access Housing Finance Agency funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [50060/19]

*627. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of plans to review the disparate systems of differential rents for social housing across local authorities. — Darragh O’Brien. [50062/19]

*628. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of acquisitions by the Housing Agency under funding to find and acquire suitable portfolios of vacant properties per annum. — Darragh O’Brien. [50063/19]

*629. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if an application for funding by a water supply scheme (details supplied) in County Mayo has been received; if the scheme will be considered for funding in the next round of allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [50145/19]

*630. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of Rebuilding Ireland home loan applications by county made to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of applications finalised; the number approved; the local authorities that have closed the scheme or placed applications on hold due to a lack of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50177/19]

*631. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the timeline for the completion and publication of the review of income eligibility limits for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50178/19]
*632. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to increase substantially the income eligibility limits for social housing in areas such as counties Cavan and Monaghan in which the present limits are much too low and are denying persons and families the opportunity to apply for social housing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50179/19]

*633. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if additional funding will be provided for the housing voids programme in 2020; if he will reduce the local contribution demand on local authorities to source such funding in view of the constrained financial circumstances for many local authorities; his plans to ensure that adequate funding is provided to local authorities to ensure that vacant council houses are brought back to habitable standards with the minimum delay in view of the demand for social housing and long waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50180/19]

*634. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding allocated within a town (details supplied) and its surrounds in each of the years 2011 to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50243/19]

*635. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding that will be made available to Kildare County Council for group sewerage schemes via capital funding or grant schemes in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O’Rourke. [50274/19]

*636. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of the affordable purchasing scheme. — Tom Neville. [50279/19]

*637. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the increase of valuation rates for renewable energy providers namely wind farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [50288/19]

*638. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the urban regeneration and development fund; when he plans to announce a second round of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [50304/19]

*639. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of Bills sponsored by his Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50322/19]

*640. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if affordable housing projects have been sanctioned for Galway City and County Councils to date; if so, the details of same; the number of applications for affordable housing received to date that are under consideration; the location of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50402/19]

*641. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the review of the tenant purchase (incremental) scheme 2016 was completed; when he plans to publish the review; when he plans to make changes to the scheme; the reason for the delay in doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50403/19]
Chun an Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta: To the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

*642. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of consultations between the National Parks and Wildlife Service and a private members club (details supplied) regarding the protection of legally protected plants and habitat at a special area of conservation; if the National Parks and Wildlife Service has raised concerns in this regard; if she has been provided with a report on the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [49792/19]

*643. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if funding is available for the development of a Magdalene laundries museum on Séan McDermott Street, Dublin 1; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [49799/19]

*644. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an aontaíonn sí nach bhfuil cothrom na féinne á fháil ag pobal na Gaeilge de bharr na híntheistiochta easanmhaí agus míchothroime atá déanta tríd an ngníomhaireacht trasteorann, Foras na Gaeilge, ar laghdáidh a bhuiséad de €700,000 le trí bliana anuas, i gcomparáid leis an gComhairle Ealaion, ar méadaíodh a bhuiséad de €12 milliún sa tréimhse chéanna; an lorgóidh an tAire maoiniú breise don Ghaeilge sna meastacháin aithbhreithnithe roimh an Nollaig i bhfíanaise go mbeidh ardú buiséid ann do na heagraíochtaí trasteorann Ui sceibhealaf Éireann agus InterTrade Ireland. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [49852/19]

*645. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of external consultant reports commissioned by her Department in each year from March 2011 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the cost of each report; the company involved; and the title and publication date by report in tabular form. — Shane Cassells. [49900/19]

*646. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of Bills sponsored by her Department that have been enacted since November 2013, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [50315/19]

*647. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when she plans to re-establish the Moore Street advisory committee; the reason for the delay in doing so; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50405/19]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 2019

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plans for official trips abroad over the next six months. — Brendan Howlin. [50155/19]

2. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committee that discusses agricultural matters; and when it will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [50203/19]
3. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committee that discusses environment matters; and when it will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [50204/19]

4. To ask the Taoiseach the officials that accompanied him during bilateral meetings with other heads of Government in Zagreb. — Micheál Martin. [50337/19]

5. To ask the Taoiseach the policy regarding the use of the Government jet in his Department. — Michael Moynihan. [50346/19]

6. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the EU reform proposals that President Macron is attempting to implement. — Michael Moynihan. [50348/19]

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

7. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the cost to date of the unrolling of the public services card; the reason possession of a card is mandatory for parents availing of the new childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50381/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a matter (details supplied) in relation to community employment supervisors; if further discussions have taken place with unions in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50172/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the investigations and reviews undertaken by the scope section of her Department either solely or in cooperation with the Revenue Commissioners to address the issue of bogus self-employment to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [50283/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason her Department put a cap of six years on participation on the rural social scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50170/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to ensure timely access to decisions, payments and reviews for all schemes and services as promised in Budget 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50378/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of her efforts to address issues affecting community employment supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [50353/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps being taken to reduce the waiting times to process disability allowance applications in view of the fact that it appears the waiting times have gone up recently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [50356/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the date for the publication of the new social inclusion strategy; if she has received the document; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [50252/19]
15. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the action she plans to take following the passing of the motion in relation to child maintenance by Dáil Éireann in October 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [50253/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps taken to reduce the waiting times to process carer’s allowance applications in view of the fact that it appears the waiting times have gone up recently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [50355/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she has carried out an audit on the companies that have been running JobPath in advance of their contracts being reviewed for 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50369/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons on the Live Register that had previous stated employment in the construction sector; the breakdown of the figure for areas termed as unemployment blackspots; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [50365/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of appeals in her Department in respect to various decisions made regarding applications for payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50366/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will report on the high incidence of low pay within the meat industry; and her plans to address same. — Paul Murphy. [50380/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she has brought forward proposals for a new total contribution pension scheme; if not, when she expects to do so; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [50284/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the action being taken to address delays in processing applications within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [50254/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans for JobPath in 2020; if the plans will change in the case of a Brexit deal being agreed and passed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [50249/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if there has been an increase in applications for the fuel allowance and the household benefits package to date in 2019; the number of recipients of both payments in 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of applications refused in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [50171/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the social welfare estimates are poverty proofed each year; if not, her plans to poverty proof same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [50351/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to deal with bogus self-employment which could be costing the State as much as €1 billion per annum. — Joan Collins. [50359/19]
27. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent of data sharing between Irish Rail and her Department in relation to the free travel scheme and public services card. — Thomas Byrne. [50357/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans for JobPath; if the companies contracts will be renewed for 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50368/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of unemployment blackspots nationwide; her activation plans to increase employment in these areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [50364/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of pensions for community employment supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [50255/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the actions taken by her Department to increase levels of participation on Tús schemes in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [50354/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to ensure reviews of social protection applications are dealt with in a more prompt manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50377/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding the recent ruling of the Data Protection Commissioner on the public services card. — Thomas Byrne. [50358/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to extend carer’s allowance to persons working over the prescribed hours in cases in which the person being cared for is in a training centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [50152/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when she plans to address the status of community employment supervisors and make provision for their payments as per the Labour Court recommendation of 2008; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [46862/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding the 2008 Labour Court recommendation regarding pensions for community employment scheme supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [50147/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reviews carried out by her Department since 2011 on means testing of means-tested social welfare schemes and payments to ensure they are equitable and do not act as a disincentive to increasing income from employment or good practice in terms of thrift and saving; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50169/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of talks between her Department and representatives of community employment supervisors in relation to their pension entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [50250/19]
39. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the waiting times for the processing of applications for carer’s allowance and carer’s benefit; the number of applications waiting to be processed by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50149/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons registered as being in receipt of short-term jobseekers’ allowance and long-term jobseeker’s allowance payments, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50367/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of talks with community employment supervisors; the way in which she plans to address the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [50352/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason the new roadmap for social inclusion 2019 to 2025 has not been published; if the roadmap and targets set will need to be revised in view of the latest SILC data; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [50349/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to extend carer’s allowance to persons working over the prescribed hours in cases in which the person being cared for is in school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [50151/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will consider allowing an entitlement to a widow’s pension in certain circumstances and not solely dependent on marital status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [50251/19]