DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Máirt, 10 Nollaig, 2019
Tuesday, 10th December, 2019

CEISTEANNA
QUESTIONS
Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

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

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

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

4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Citizens’ Assembly is due to commence the consideration of gender equality. — Ruth Coppinger. [51240/19]

5. To ask the Taoiseach his future plans for the Citizens’ Assembly. — Joan Burton. [51525/19]

6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Citizens’ Assembly on gender equality will meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51634/19]

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

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

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

10. To ask the Taoiseach the number of times the Cabinet committee on Brexit, Foreign and European Affairs has met to date in 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [51531/19]

11. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committee that addresses matters relating to Palestine and Israel. — Brendan Howlin. [51613/19]

12. 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]

13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Infrastructure last met. — Michael Moynihan. [49129/19]
14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Infrastructure last met. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50114/19]

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

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

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Infrastructure last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Joan Burton. [51526/19]

18. To ask the Taoiseach the number of times the Cabinet committee on Infrastructure has met to date in 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [51535/19]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department with the National Economic and Social Council. — Joan Burton. [51527/19]

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

26. 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]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he or his officials have met the Northern Ireland political leaders in relation to the Norther Ireland Assembly. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51862/19]

28. 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]

29. 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. — Joan Burton. [51822/19]
30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plans for official trips abroad over the next six months. — Brendan Howlin. [50155/19]

31. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for official visits abroad over the next six months. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51528/19]

32. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for official trips abroad over the next six months. — Joan Burton. [51823/19]

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

34. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committee that discusses agricultural matters; and when it will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51861/19]

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

36. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committee that discusses environmental matters. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51529/19]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on the Environment will next meet. — Joan Burton. [51824/19]

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

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on recent engagements with EU leaders. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51635/19]

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

41. To ask the Taoiseach the policy regarding the use of the Government jet in his Department. — Brendan Howlin. [51614/19]

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

43. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the EU reform proposals that the President of France is seeking to implement. — Brendan Howlin. [51615/19]

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his contact with the UK Prime Minister. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51337/19]

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to the UK Prime Minister since 12 December 2019. — Micheál Martin. [51540/19]

46. To ask the Taoiseach the number and type of Cabinet committee meetings held since September 2019. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51338/19]
47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the statement of strategy of his Department and its commitment regarding a formal early warning procedure on page 18; the way in which this works; and his views on whether it is working effectively. — Micheál Martin. [51539/19]

48. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the commitment in the statement of strategy of his Department to examine the unpaid role of parliamentary private secretary; and the status of same. — Micheál Martin. [51542/19]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

49. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is considering putting in place support measures for parents in cases in which a crèche has been deregistered; and the measures being taken to increase supply in childcare. — Anne Rabbitte. [51843/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason there has been no additional provision in Budget 2020 for a refuge (details supplied) to receive funding for play therapy and counselling for children and women that avail of its services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51703/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the public consultation process on the draft childminding action plan will be extended in order to facilitate childminders that have attended focus groups in relation to the plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [51844/19]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

52. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the actions she can take to address delays in the re-registration process for childcare providers as an early years service which are causing concerns for the providers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [51548/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to address the lack of crèche spaces and the unaffordability of the spaces nationwide and in south County Dublin in particular; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51543/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which a rapid response facility remains available for children at risk or in distress with a view to ensuring a comprehensive seamless programme to address the issue arising; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51480/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the measures she is taking to increase the retention and recruitment of social workers in Tusla. — Anne Rabbitte. [51522/19]

56. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her Department will work with organisations (details supplied), Tusla, the local authority and other State agencies to ensure that the supervised playground on Library Road, Dún Laoghaire remains supervised into the future; the
steps she can take in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51544/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she has considered reviewing the system through which youth groups and services access public funding. — Anne Rabbitte. [51523/19]

58. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on whether the background checks being carried out on potential foster carers by Tusla are robust enough to ensure the protection of vulnerable children and that concerns raised regarding the safety of children in foster care are being dealt with appropriately; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51552/19]

59. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of childcare facilities which will be affected by the extension of the deadline for the submission of certain documentation to Tusla until 30 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51555/19]

60. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she has raised or plans to raise the issue of insurance for childcare facilities with an organisation (details supplied); her views on whether increased costs of insurance for registered facilities is having a detrimental impact on the industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51334/19]

61. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to support a network (details supplied) which includes the vital local service provided by an organisation in view of the 16 days of action to promote domestic violence awareness which has highlighted that 60% of abuse starts before 25 years of age and that Ireland has only one third of refuge space; and her views on whether women’s domestic abuse refuge centres are an important aspect of her Department. — Paul Murphy. [51357/19]

62. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the alternative arrangements put in place for children attending crèches (details supplied) which face closure by the end of 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51554/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the appeals process arising from the decision made following the submission of expressions of interest by Galway city, county and the islands for the development of a comprehensive domestic violence outreach service; the status of the appeals process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51482/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to provide additional refuge places in line with the recommendations of the Council of Europe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51101/19]

65. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she remains satisfied that adequate counselling, support and rescue services remain available through her Department to meet the requirements of at-risk children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51481/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way in which she plans to ensure the national childcare scheme will benefit parents in view of the fact there is no onus on childcare providers to take part in the scheme and that the introduction of a ratio of carers to school-age
children is set to increase the cost of running the facility which will be passed on to the parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51545/19]

67. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason an unused amount of €60 million was returned to the Exchequer in 2018 as reported by the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51551/19]

68. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of families and children signed up to the new national childcare scheme; the number of families and children that will remain on legacy schemes; the reason lower-income families will not have a choice of scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51105/19]

69. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2019; the timeline for the progression of the Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51553/19]

70. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the measures Tusla and its homeless liaison officer are taking to ensure the necessary supports are in place for homeless families with newborn babies; if there is a waiting list with Tusla for family support workers for homeless families; if so, the number of persons waiting; the length of time they have been waiting; the measures being taken to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51106/19]

71. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the support measures in place for parents in circumstances in which a crèche has been deregistered; and her views on the creation of additional supply in this instance. — Anne Rabbitte. [51521/19]

72. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will meet with an organisation (details supplied) in County Donegal; her views on whether Ireland is compliant with the Istanbul Convention which was ratified in March 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51149/19]

73. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on whether the dismantling of targeted schemes which are being replaced by the new national childcare scheme will have a negative impact for thousands of children from disadvantaged and marginalised families and that many children will consequently receive less supports than they received under the CCS-P; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51550/19]

74. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will extend the deadline and provide technical support to crèche owners in view of the short timeframe and the technical problems for the owners to submit required documentation to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51547/19]

75. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to provide alternatives to prosecution for parents that fail to ensure their children attend school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51104/19]

76. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the cost and envisaged costs of the mid-level governance arrangements with ETBs put in place by her Department (details supplied); the percentage of the costs as a percentage of the overall allocation for targeted funded youth schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51332/19]
77. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when a report (details supplied) will be published; her views on each of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51483/19]

78. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to ensure adopted persons have a right to tracing information on their birth families and particularly birth parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [51557/19]

79. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the cost to her Department of prosecuting parents for the failure of children to attend school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51103/19]

80. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 59 of 22 October 2019 and her acknowledgement to correspondence of 5 November 2019, the progress made regarding the points raised in relation to the difficulties encountered by a voluntary service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51335/19]

81. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the take-up of the national childcare scheme to date in County Kildare; the way in which she can ensure further continued applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [51549/19]

82. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason for the postponement of the introduction of new fire safety regulations for crèches; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [51520/19]

83. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way in which she will address the lack of childcare facilities for parents in the Dublin 7 area which has worsened due to the closure of facilities run by a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51331/19]

84. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if payments will be backdated to parents that applied for the national childcare scheme but whose applications have not been processed to date. — Anne Rabbitte. [51519/19]

85. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the level of uptake of supports for providers of the affordable childcare scheme in County Cork; the efforts being made to promote the supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51556/19]

86. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she will take to fill the gap in provision of family services left by the recently announced closure of a service (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51150/19]

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CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*87. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons employed on an agency basis in his Department and in each agency under his aegis. — Sean Fleming. [50812/19]
To ask the Taoiseach the budget and number of staff working in his Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51080/19]

To ask the Taoiseach the status of the work of the National Economic and Social Council; and the reports and submissions made in 2018 and to date in 2019. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51081/19]

To ask the Taoiseach the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches planned by his Department for the first six months of 2020; and the budgeted costs of these campaigns. — Niall Collins. [51417/19]

To ask the Taoiseach the data sharing agreements his Department has in place with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; and the purpose of these data sharing agreements. — Jack Chambers. [51434/19]

To ask the Taoiseach the agencies or organisations under the remit of his Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have an obligation to appear before committees of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — James Browne. [51502/19]

To ask the Taoiseach the progress on reform measures outlined in Appendix 1 of the Strategy Statement 2017-2020 of his Department. — Micheál Martin. [51602/19]

To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches planned by his Department for the first six months of 2020; the budgeted costs of these campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51407/19]

To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the data sharing agreements his Department has in place with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; the purpose of these data sharing agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51424/19]

To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of freedom of information requests in which his Department made a decision to deny; and the number in which the Information Commissioner overturned the decision of his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Jack Chambers. [51458/19]

To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the agencies or organisations under the remit of his Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have an obligation to appear before committees of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — James Browne. [51492/19]

To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the budget and number of staff working in his Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51563/19]

To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of horses attached to the Defence Forces equitation school in each of the past four years to date in 2019; if funding is being
provided in 2020 for the provision of extra horses in the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51649/19]

*100. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of additional berths for Naval Service vessels at Haulbowline provided in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; if funding has been secured in 2020 for the construction of extra berths at Haulbowline; if so, when the works will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51657/19]

*101. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the estimated full-year cost if the patrol duty allowance increased by 15% based on 2018 figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51658/19]

*102. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if funding will be secured in 2020 for a new electric target range at the Defence Forces training centre; if so, when work will commence; and the estimated time for completion. — Catherine Murphy. [51698/19]

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

*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will contribute or speak at the next FAC meeting regarding the reports of one million persons being detained in centres in China. — Micheál Martin. [51603/19]

*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to statements in Dáil Éireann on a case (details supplied), if he has made progress on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49994/19]

*105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to choice of nationality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51154/19]

*106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason Ireland has scaled back by a third the number of observers it sent to the recent elections in Belarus compared to previous elections in 2015 and 2016; the names of the two observers sent; the basis on which they were selected; if his attention has been drawn to concerns that no open call issued to the official election roster for the mission; his plans to ensure future opportunities are advertised and filled on a transparent basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [51163/19]

*107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the commitments made at the recent Nairobi summit marking 25 years of the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo; the way in which they will be monitored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51209/19]

*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the situation in Iran; his views in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51215/19]

*109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the situation in Malta; his views in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51216/19]
*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and efforts to de-escalate violence and tension in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51217/19]

*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on reports of plans for new settlements in Hebron; the actions he will take in view of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51218/19]

*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the new initiative on sexual and reproductive health and rights promised in A Better World; when the initiative will be launched; the level of funding to be allocated for its implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [51237/19]

*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches planned by his Department for the first six months of 2020; the budgeted costs of these campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51411/19]

*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the data sharing agreements his Department has in place with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; the purpose of these data sharing agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51428/19]

*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of freedom of information requests in which his Department made a decision to deny; and the number in which the Information Commissioner overturned the decision of his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Jack Chambers. [51462/19]

*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the agencies or organisations under the remit of his Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have an obligation to appear before committees of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — James Browne. [51496/19]

*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the budget and number of staff working in his Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51567/19]

*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which the national commitments made at the recent Nairobi summit marking 25 years of the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo will be implemented and monitored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [51598/19]

*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on his recent visit to the Middle East; the meetings held; the issues discussed, specifically in relation to the funding allocated for solar power plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51604/19]

*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the issue of Bahrain and reported human rights abuses has been raised at the EU Foreign Affairs Council; if he has expressed
his views to the Bahraini authorities regarding human rights there, including the treatment of prisoners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51610/19]

*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on his recent visit to Israel and Palestine; if he raised the expansion of illegal settlements with the Israeli Prime Minister; if he and the Prime Minister discussed the impact of the policies of the administration of the United States of America on the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51611/19]

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the situation in Syria; the efforts being made to bring an end to the long-running conflict; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51638/19]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if each embassy is fully wheelchair accessible; if not, the embassies that are not fully wheelchair accessible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51656/19]

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the names of the observers appointed to the most recent election observer roster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51763/19]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the forthcoming December 2019 EU Foreign Affairs Council meeting; the issues that will be discussed; and if he will meet with the new High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice President of the Commission. — Micheál Martin. [51537/19]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the work being carried out to implement the all-party motions of 2008 and 2011 relating to the 1974 Dublin and Monaghan atrocities as per the statement of strategy of his Department. — Micheál Martin. [51541/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*127. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of increasing by €100 the maximum VRT relief for electric vehicles. — Jonathan O’Brien. [51131/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated first and full-year cost of increasing the income tax standard rate bands in line with projected core HICP inflation in each of the years 2021 to 2025. — Pearse Doherty. [51133/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated first and full-year cost of increasing income tax credits in line with projected core HICP inflation in each of the years 2021 to 2025. — Pearse Doherty. [51134/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Finance if a review has been conducted into the sale of whole-of-life insurance policies; if there has been an investigation into the attachment of such policies to mortgages without the full consent of mortgage holders in view of comments made by the Minister for State with special responsibility for Financial Services and Insurance on 20 February 2018 in Seanad Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51214/19]
*131. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost to the Central Bank of regulating the credit union sector in each of the years 2012 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the amount received from credit unions through the industry funding levy in each year; the methodology used to calculate the cost of regulating the credit union sector; the number of persons working on credit union regulation in the Central Bank; the payroll costs in each of the years 2012 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51269/19]

*132. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to insurance premiums for a circus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51273/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to reduce the current rate of the life assurance exit tax in order to bring it in line with the rate of DIRT; the reason there is an 8% difference in the two tax bands for savings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [51290/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he will take to lower motor insurance premiums here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51346/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress to date regarding each of the action points made in the report Measures to Enhance Ireland’s Corporate, Economic and Regulatory Framework published in November 2017, in tabular form; if each such action point has been completed, not completed or is ongoing, respectively; and the revised deadlines for action points not delivered by original timelines committed. — Robert Troy. [51396/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Finance the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches planned by his Department for the first six months of 2020; the budgeted costs of these campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51410/19]

*137. To ask the Minister for Finance the data sharing agreements his Department has in place with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; the purpose of these data sharing agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51427/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of freedom of information requests in which his Department made a decision to deny; and the number in which the Information Commissioner overturned the decision of his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Jack Chambers. [51461/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Finance the agencies or organisations under the remit of his Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have an obligation to appear before committees of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — James Browne. [51495/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Finance the budget and number of staff working in his Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51566/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter regarding property tax in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [51601/19]
*142. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of occasions on which section 19 of the Criminal Justice Act 2011 has been invoked by IBRC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [51627/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost in 2020 if the universal social charge rate of 0.5% was discounted for persons earning between €12,012 and €19,000. — Catherine Murphy. [51690/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of cash seized from persons entering or leaving the State by the Revenue Commissioners enforcement unit at Dublin Airport in each of the past three years to date in 2019; the amount of cash forfeited to the Exchequer in each year; and the amount returned on appeal. — Catherine Murphy. [51691/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Finance the position in relation to the tax deductibility of expenses incurred by landlords against case V rental income such as replacement of furniture, washing machine, fridge and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51779/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has spoken with his EU counterparts recently particularly since the NATO summit held in London in which the proposed digital sales tax of 2% to be placed on high-tech companies was discussed. — Micheál Martin. [51538/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the Revenue Commissioners do not accept electronic transfers (details supplied) as a more direct and easily accessible payment method; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [51878/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Finance if issues (details supplied) in relation to the repayment of nursing home loans will be addressed and simplified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [51880/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Finance if issues will be addressed in relation to the payment of the nursing home loan through the Revenue Commissioners online service for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [51887/19]

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

*150. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress made in resolving a pay claim submitted by a group (details supplied) requesting that salaries and scales be rectified to reflect the nature of their roles. — Louise O’Reilly. [51629/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the Crossmolina flood relief scheme as of 1 December 2019; if the proposed timeline is on schedule; if the scheme will be submitted for assessment before 31 December 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [51146/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 295 of 20 October 2015, the engagements that have taken place and progress made with the landlord of the property. — Pat Breen. [51186/19]
*153. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to utilise a facility maintained by the OPW (details supplied); the Departments and or State agencies that have expressed interest in occupying the building or part of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51195/19]

*154. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date the spouses and children’s pension scheme was opened to female employees in the Civil Service; if allowances will be made for those that do not have sufficient contributions before they retire but were excluded from joining the scheme before 1 June 1981; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [51260/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 163 of 5 November 2019, if the treatment of service in the Defence Forces in relation to pension entitlement when combined with other public sector service has been resolved; if a resolution to the pension entitlements of a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [51317/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches planned by his Department for the first six months of 2020; the budgeted costs of these campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51415/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the data sharing agreements his Department has in place with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; the purpose of these data sharing agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51432/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of freedom of information requests in which his Department made a decision to deny; and the number in which the Information Commissioner overturned the decision of his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Jack Chambers. [51466/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the agencies or organisations under the remit of his Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have an obligation to appear before committees of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — James Browne. [51500/19]

*160. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the budget and number of staff working in his Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51571/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the remuneration returning officers received for carrying out their duties in respect of the 2019 local and European elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51714/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for a building (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51805/19]
*163. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of new apprenticeships registrations and number of new apprenticeship programmes which have resulted out of the Action Plan to Expand Apprenticeship and Traineeships in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [51375/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding an application by a school (details supplied) to replace prefab classrooms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51084/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a second ASD unit urgently required by a school (details supplied) will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51090/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to extend a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [51127/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a primary school for the Donabate peninsula, County Dublin (details supplied); if a cost-benefit analysis has been carried out to justify the extra expense in building the school on private lands as opposed to public lands; the policy in respect of constructing schools on privately-owned lands when there is suitable publicly-owned lands available in the same area; the timeline for delivery of the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [51172/19]

*168. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of new school buildings being built at a school (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [51179/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a technical assessment of a school (details supplied) will take place. — Thomas Byrne. [51184/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to introduce a scheme to provide for occupational pensions for school secretaries and caretakers that are paid by their board of management from grants. — Robert Troy. [51185/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding extending the lease for temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51197/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress of the new school building for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [51200/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider measures to reduce the class sizes in DEIS schools in view of evidence such as the study Addressing Education Disadvantage by the Educational Research Centre, that children have better outcomes from smaller classes sizes; the measures he will take to bring class sizes below twenty pupils for primary education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [51210/19]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the location of a permanent site for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [51232/19]
*175. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the new junior certificate Irish paper has been changed (details supplied); if so, if the long-term aim is that Irish will no longer be a subject for the leaving certificate in the future in view of the fact few will choose to study the subject for the leaving certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [51236/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when an illness related early retirement pension will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [51239/19]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a preschool (details supplied) in Dublin 15 is not closed due to processing of Teaching Council registrations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [51261/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the level of university funding coming from the military industrial complex has been investigated; his views on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51291/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person (details supplied) cannot obtain more home tuition hours; if additional hours will be allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51315/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter regarding the provision of school transport (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [51316/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated full-year cost of increasing the funding of the school books scheme by 10%, 20%, 30%, 40% and 50%, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51322/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of employing ten new resource teachers. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51323/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of employing ten new SNAs. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51324/19]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of employing ten new educational psychologists. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51325/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of employing ten new speech and language therapists. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51326/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of reducing the student teacher ratio by one point. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51327/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated full-year cost of bringing secretary pay in line with those employed directly by his Department. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51340/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of waiving fees paid by students for school transport via the school transport scheme at primary and secondary level, respectively. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51341/19]
*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the staff shortage in the Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board; if his further attention has been drawn to the fact that the shortage is severely impacting on the service it provides and persons seeking to avail of its services are being directed to other DDLETB centres due to the shortages in south west County Dublin; the reason for the staff shortage; the way in which he plans to ensure the shortage is ended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [51343/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 210 of 26 November 2019, when Bus Éireann will commence liaising with the family in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51347/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a new secondary school for the Malahide and Portmarnock areas of County Dublin as announced in November 2015; if he has identified locations for the proposed schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [51356/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person that is unemployed and wishes to undertake an ETB course is eligible for a social welfare payment while partaking in the course (details supplied). — Danny Healy-Rae. [51362/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed in which a child has no place for school in September 2020. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [51365/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his officials have examined the lack of space at second-level schools in Edenderry, County Offaly for children in the town and in the catchment area that will require access to special classes at post-primary level from June 2020 onwards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [51378/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a reduction in the pupil-teacher ratio in DEIS band one schools will be urgently prioritised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51390/19]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the actions taken to increase the number of ASD units at primary and post-primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51391/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider granting one administrative release day each week to teaching principals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51392/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches planned by his Department for the first six months of 2020; the budgeted costs of these campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51408/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the data sharing agreements his Department has in place with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; the purpose of these data sharing agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51425/19]
*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of freedom of information requests in which his Department made a decision to deny; and the number in which the Information Commissioner overturned the decision of his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Jack Chambers. [51459/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a physical education hall will be provided for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51473/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an ongoing review of the DEIS support scheme. — Thomas Byrne. [51475/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the ongoing review of the DEIS scheme will take into account issues identified in the measuring of literacy and numeracy by educational research centres in previous analyses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [51476/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of schools in which the use of an application fee has been reported and confirmed by county in 2019, in tabular form; if refunds have been issued; the value of the application fee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [51477/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of his actions to date to implement the recommendations of a Report (details supplied) of the Children’s Rights Alliance Home Works report. — Thomas Byrne. [51478/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he or his officials have had discussions with and received correspondence from a trust (details supplied) or the religious orders in charge of three of the secondary schools in Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 regarding an amalgamation of the three schools moving to a single campus and the creation of a single board; if there will be involvement of parents and teaching staff at each stage prior to decisions being taken; if his attention has been drawn to discussions to date in relation to the fact a third of the pupils at the schools have special educational needs, that none of the three campuses are large enough to contain all three schools and the fact that the population of Ballyfermot, Cherry Orchard, Chapelizod and Bluebell is rising; the level of funding that will be committed to the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51486/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the agencies or organisations under the remit of his Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have an obligation to appear before committees of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — James Browne. [51493/19]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the expansion plans for a school (details supplied); if sanction has been given for expansion in 2020; and if sanction has been given for expansion beyond 2020. — Joe O’Brien. [51511/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the budget and number of staff working in his Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51564/19]
*210. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application by a school (details supplied) for an additional school building will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [51624/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the approved capital projects for new school buildings, refurbishments of existing school buildings and temporary classroom provisions in an area (details supplied); the location of each project in the capital project process; the estimated commencement and completion date for each project in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51647/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeframe for the construction of a new campus for a school (details supplied) on lands; the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51671/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the temporary accommodation arrangements which will be made for a school (details supplied) in view of the fact the lease is due to expire on its premises in May 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51672/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the additional improvements that will be made for DEIS schools; the resources that will be made available to them in 2020; the pupil-teacher ratio for the 2020/2021 school term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51707/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the adequacy of the categorisation by SUSI of mature students as being dependent on their parents due to the fact they reside with them in cases in which they are independent financially and only living at home due to the fact they cannot afford to move out due to the housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [51726/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the case of a person (details supplied) that was refused the SUSI grant due to the fact they were categorised as dependent will be addressed; if he will consider introducing a discretionary element into the rules-based SUSI system for some cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [51727/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the €23,000 funding applied for by a school (details supplied) under the summer works scheme for the installation of toilets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [51732/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the funding applied for by a school (details supplied) under the summer works scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [51733/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress of school building projects (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [51747/19]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress of a school building project (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [51748/19]
*221. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the habitual residence clause by which Irish citizens returning here to study higher education undergraduate courses are not entitled to free fees will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51766/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if works at a school (details supplied) are to recommence in the summer of 2020; if so, the accommodation which will be made for a crèche located in the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51767/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a decision has been made regarding the patronage of the new secondary school in Greystones, County Wicklow which is scheduled to open in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51776/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 234 of 3 December 2019, the position regarding the postal delivery of payslips to teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51778/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a decision will be made regarding a school transport appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51780/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a purpose-built campus for a recently-established school (details supplied) will commence construction; if it will be completed within the time period of the multi-annual building programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [51782/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application for capital building works by a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [51813/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if consideration has been given to amending the regulations governing tuition grants to Irish citizens returning here from outside the EU to take up third-level education having not lived here for three of the past five years in view of the recent trend towards outward migration of persons under 30 years of age and the presumed desire to attract such young persons home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [51821/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding special needs assistant posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51846/19]

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

*230. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has considered broadening the terms of the Magdalene restorative justice ex-gratia scheme for those that were resident in one of the 14 adjoining institutions to include men that were young boys at the time and lived and worked with their sisters in the Magdalene institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [51516/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if cost estimates have been made regarding the potential cost of expanding the terms of the Magdalene restorative justice ex-gratia scheme for those that worked in Magdalene institutions that were resident in one of the 14 adjoining institutions
to include men that were young boys at the time and lived and worked with their sisters in the institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [51517/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the recent UN special rapporteur official commentary on the way in which Ireland has been dealing with hate crime and anti-immigrant rhetoric through legislation. — Micheál Martin. [51609/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if Ireland will pay financial penalties for not complying with an EU directive regarding the implementation of a wills registry; if so, the amount of penalties; the amount paid in fines over the years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51792/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason a wills registry has not been implemented as per an EU directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51793/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the practice of private third-party operators selling pre-booked appointments for the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service at Burgh Quay, Dublin 2; his views on the appropriateness of such practices; his plans to prevent such practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [51098/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of new gardaí assigned to County Mayo directly from the Garda College, Templemore in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [51138/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí that retired from An Garda Síochána in County Mayo in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number that indicated they will retire in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [51139/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the new legislation necessary further to the recent Court of Appeal decision in relation to residency criteria for citizenship applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51148/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will consider ring-fencing assets and funds seized by the Criminal Assets Bureau for use by groups working with victims of addiction. — Gerry Adams. [51157/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons that transitioned from direct provision to permanent homes in the community after being granted refugee status or subsidiary protection in 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [51170/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51180/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which he plans to address undocumented children here; his plans to introduce pathways to residency for children and young persons growing up undocumented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51192/19]
*243. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí stationed in Portarlington Garda Station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [51203/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 323 of 5 November 2019, the number of vehicles in operation in the Garda divisional fleet in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [51206/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of requests for an earlier appointment with INIS for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [51213/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the outcome of the consultation process on the regulation of the cash for gold trade from 2015 (details supplied); his plans to undertake another round of consultation; the number of submissions received in respect of the 2015 consultation; the number of cash for gold shops here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [51225/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to websites (details supplied) which offer pre-booked appointments at the INIS Registration Office at Burgh Quay, Dublin 2 for fees ranging from €20 to €50; his views on such practices; the steps being taken to stamp out these practices and to improve the in-house appointments procedure at Burgh Quay; if a Garda investigation is underway including for the possible commission of the offence of trading in influence under section 6 of the Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [51250/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which he plans to address undocumented children here; his plans to introduce pathways to residency for children and young persons growing up here undocumented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51257/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the categories of family members that can be included under the family reunification process (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [51270/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the categories of family members that can be included under the family reunification process (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [51271/19]

*251. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda information messages handed out by An Garda Síochána to persons perceived to be in danger from criminals in the past six years by year and district in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [51275/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 426 of 6 November 2018, when a reply will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [51299/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the length of time responses to certain Parliamentary Questions are taking in view of the fact that certain Parliamentary Questions relating to crime statistics have gone unanswered for over a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [51300/19]
*254. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí deployed in Garda stations in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51345/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an application for asylum or refugee status has been submitted in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51358/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date for each of the action points made in a report Measures to Enhance Ireland’s Corporate, Economic and Regulatory Framework published in November 2017, in tabular form; if each such action point has been completed, not completed or is ongoing, respectively; and the revised deadlines for action points not delivered by original timelines committed. — Robert Troy. [51397/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches planned by his Department for the first six months of 2020; the budgeted costs of these campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51414/19]

*258. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the data sharing agreements his Department has in place with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; the purpose of these data sharing agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51431/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of freedom of information requests in which his Department made a decision to deny; and the number in which the Information Commissioner overturned the decision of his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Jack Chambers. [51465/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the agencies or organisations under the remit of his Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have an obligation to appear before committees of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — James Browne. [51499/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to increase the monitoring of the atypical workers scheme as it relates to the fishing industry to ensure that the terms of a settlement agreement reached after High Court proceedings in early 2019 will be adhered to; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is a high volume of migrant workers in the fishing industry working more than 60 hours per week resulting in an hourly rate of pay as low as €2.82 per hour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [51508/19]

*262. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of violations of elements of the atypical workers scheme in relation to the fishing industry that his attention has been drawn to over the past three years and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [51509/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when draft regulations in relation to a settlement agreement reached after High Court proceedings regarding the transposition of EU Council Directive 2017/159 as it relates to the fishing industry to give effect to the agreement reached will be signed by him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [51510/19]
*264. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the atypical workers scheme in relation to the fishing industry as framed does not provide for effectively preventing and combating trafficking in persons for the purpose of forced labour and labour exploitation in the fishing industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [51518/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the budget and number of staff working in his Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51570/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) will be assisted in order to attend a naturalisation ceremony in Killarney, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51575/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the fact there have been confirmed cases of human trafficking within the fishing industry here; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the Trafficking in Persons Report 2019 and the Council of Europe GRETA report of 2017 made reference to the need for improved support for victims of trafficking here in line with a national referral mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [51595/19]

*268. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress made to provide a suitable recovery and reflection period for those that are trafficked in the fishing industry here; if a copy of updated information supplied to GRETA will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [51596/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the examination by the Garda Commissioner to review the files on a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51608/19]

*270. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the ratio of gardaí per head of population in each of the Dublin metropolitan divisions in each of the past five years. — John Lahart. [51612/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount spent by the State on emergency accommodation for asylum seekers to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [51626/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the 2018 annual report of An Garda Síochána will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51645/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of competitions for Garda members to join the north Dublin roads policing unit held in 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51646/19]

*274. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of new unmarked Garda vans that came into the fleet in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the number of unmarked Garda vans withdrawn from the fleet in each of these years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51660/19]
*275. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated full-year cost of recruiting two additional full-time accountants for the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51661/19]

*276. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the budget allocation for the Garda National Immigration Bureau in each of the years 2017 to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51662/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when his Department will table the required amendments to the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015; when the amendments will be enacted; when the Act will be commenced in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [51666/19]

*278. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he is taking to address the severe and ongoing shortage of available appointments for persons seeking to renew their visas with the INIS. — Catherine Martin. [51667/19]

*279. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing issue of INIS appointments being sold by third parties online to visa applicants; the measures being taken to prevent the activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [51668/19]

*280. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda CCTV cameras; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [51680/19]

*281. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of new dogs that joined the Garda dog unit to date in 2019; the number of dogs withdrawn from the unit to date in 2019; the number of horses that joined the Garda mounted unit to date in 2019; the number of horses withdrawn from the unit to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [51681/19]

*282. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank attached to the Garda protective services unit in the DMR east, DMR south and Tipperary divisions in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [51682/19]

*283. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the work will commence on the refurbishment of the Garda immigration facility at Rosslare Harbour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [51683/19]

*284. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda vehicles attached to the Clare Garda division as of 31 December 2018 and 4 December 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [51684/19]

*285. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when section 5 of the Judicial Council Act 2019 will be enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [51689/19]

*286. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda vehicles attached to each Garda district in the Kildare Garda division as of 3 December 2019, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [51696/19]
*287. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 293 of 17 September 2019, if the report is now to hand in view of the fact An Garda Síochána has confirmed it was answered on 14 October 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51709/19]

*288. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the Courts Service will provide direct data on disqualified drivers in court to the national vehicle drivers file electronically in view of the fact that the new handheld devices have been rolled out to An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51710/19]

*289. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the criteria for installation and the process to follow for community groups that are anxious regarding antisocial behaviour black spots in their locality to apply for community safety CCTV cameras in a certain area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51739/19]

*290. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of children reported missing in each of the past three years to date in 2019; the number found; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51835/19]

*291. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of incidences of suspected child trafficking brought to the attention of his Department in each of the past three year to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51842/19]

*292. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to place barbers and hairdressers on the list of eligible staff for work permits; if she has carried out an audit of the number of persons here with the necessary skills and the demand in the industry; and her plans with regard to training in the sector. — Peadar Tóibín. [51178/19]

*293. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the efforts she is making to improve the management skills within Irish SMEs with reference to Enterprise Ireland and other State led mechanisms. — Fergus O’Dowd. [51374/19]

*294. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the progress to date regarding each of the action points made in the report Measures To Enhance Ireland’s Corporate, Economic And Regulatory Framework published in November 2017, for which her Department had lead responsibility for implementation in tabular form; if each such action point has been completed, not completed or is ongoing, respectively; and the revised deadlines for action points not delivered by original timelines committed. — Robert Troy. [51395/19]

*295. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the progress to date for implementation of each of the 14 recommendations made by the Personal Injuries Commission regarding personal injury awards which fall under her remit; if each such recommendation has been completed, not completed or is ongoing, respectively; and the revised deadlines for recommendations to be fully completed in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [51401/19]

*296. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches planned by her Department for the first six months of 2020; the
budgeted costs of these campaigns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51403/19]

*297. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the data sharing agreements her Department has in place with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; the purpose of these data sharing agreements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51420/19]

*298. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of freedom of information requests in which her Department made a decision to deny; and the number in which the Information Commissioner overturned the decision of her Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Jack Chambers. [51454/19]

*299. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the agencies or organisations under the remit of her Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have an obligation to appear before committees of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — James Browne. [51488/19]

*300. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the budget and number of staff working in her Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51559/19]

*301. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to increase the monitoring of the atypical workers scheme as it relates to the fishing industry to ensure that the terms of a settlement agreement reached after High Court proceedings earlier in 2019 will be adhered to; if her attention has been drawn to the high volume of migrant workers in the fishing industry working more than 60 hours per week resulting in an hourly rate of pay as low as €2.82 per hour; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [51591/19]

*302. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to have a trade and investment mission to Singapore early in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51659/19]

*303. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to update the Casual Trading Act 1995. — Catherine Murphy. [51695/19]

*304. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to provide the Workplace Relations Commission and the Labour Court with jurisdiction to hear complaints by workers on sea-fishing vessels of violations of the European Communities (Workers on Board Sea-Going Fishing Vessels) (Organisation of Working Time) Regulations 2003 and to make awards in respect of such violations; if not, the reason complaints by such workers are excluded from the jurisdiction of the Workplace Relations Commission and the Labour Court; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [51724/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*305. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for replacing phased dispensing fees and replacing them with a capitation fee; if his attention has been drawn to the effects on pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51366/19]
*306. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and the HSE will review the funding being made available to an organisation (details supplied) that provides pre-school for children with intellectual disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [51775/19]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health the financial supports in place to assist those that have additional costs as a result of having chronic lung conditions such as cystic fibrosis and COPD; if he will consider providing additional payments to assist with the day to day living costs (details supplied) associated with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [51083/19]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health when an operation will be provided for a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in issuing a date for surgery in view of the exceptional circumstances in the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cúiv. [51091/19]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the locum oncologist at University Hospital Kerry; if the person occupying the role at present is expected to remain in the role; his plans to fill the position on a permanent basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [51095/19]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health if a service provider (details supplied) sought additional funding for the continuance of a service; if his attention has been drawn to the effect its closure will have on respite service users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51096/19]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the combined immunotherapy treatment of ipilimumab and nivolumab is not funded as a first line treatment option for advanced renal cell carcinoma but appears to be funded for melanoma cancer; his plans to fund such a combined immunotherapy treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [51099/19]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health when the psychologist vacancy in respect of the early intervention service in Spiddal, County Galway will be filled; the reason for the delay in filling the vacancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cúiv. [51126/19]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an assessment appointment for a hip operation in Cappagh Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [51128/19]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51130/19]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 147 of 21 November 2019, the person or body that will care for the children attending the pain management clinic at Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital, Crumlin once the paediatric pain specialist departs from their post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51132/19]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health when a health centre (details supplied) in County Galway which was closed on a temporary basis will be reopened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51147/19]
*317. To ask the Minister for Health when an operation will be provided for a person (details supplied) in County Galway; the reason for the delay in issuing a date for the procedure in view of the significant length of time the person has spent on the waiting list to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [51151/19]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health if a long-term stay bed will be provided for a person (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [51153/19]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons by county awaiting homecare support at 30 November 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51155/19]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 326 of 1 October 2019, the status of the appointment of a person to the oncologist post at University Hospital Kerry by the South/South West Hospital Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [51156/19]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Midlands Louth Meath CHO Healthy Ireland Implementation Plan 2018-2022 does not contain specific measures to address substance misuse or support those suffering addiction and their families; the reason this is the case; if the matter will be addressed in future plans; and the measures he will take in the interim. — Gerry Adams. [51158/19]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health the groups in receipt of core funding from the HSE to deliver supports to family members of persons suffering addiction. — Gerry Adams. [51159/19]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the service provided by a group (details supplied) in County Louth; and if the lack of resources available to the group to enable it to remain operational will be addressed. — Gerry Adams. [51160/19]

*324. 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. [51164/19]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a person (details supplied) will have to wait for a MRI scan at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51165/19]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision has been made on a primary medical certificate application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51175/19]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the HSE and service providers offering home sharing to persons with intellectual disabilities, physical and sensory disability and or autism do so in the absence of legislation protecting the service; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that in the absence of legislation and regulations professionals are also vulnerable in relation to the monitoring and safeguarding of persons in such arrangements; his plans to address the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [51183/19]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the dates on which governance and operational meetings were held with agencies (details supplied) in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019;
the reason for the meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51191/19]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding medical card applicants in receipt of disability allowance and also have earnings from employment; if the requirement to provide a letter that states the employment is of a rehabilitative nature will be removed as is the case with the disability allowance section; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [51193/19]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for homecare packages in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [51198/19]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health if delays being experienced in the delivery of homecare packages in the CHO7 areas in counties Kildare and Wicklow will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [51199/19]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 423 of 2 July 2019, the status of the review; when the results will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [51207/19]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health the expected number of hours to be provided for home help in 2020 in each CHO; the estimated level of funding for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [51211/19]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours provided by external agencies by county in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the amount spent on external agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [51212/19]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding support for those that suffered thalidomide related frailties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [51219/19]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health if a homecare package will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [51223/19]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the number and specific posts the University of Limerick Hospital Group is hiring in relation to the recruitment of a specialist dietician for adults with type 1 diabetes; if a funded diabetes dietetic is included in the 2020 estimates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [51224/19]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a medical appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [51226/19]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the mobility allowance scheme for a person (details supplied) in County Kildare; when a replacement scheme will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [51230/19]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 285 of 26 November 2019, if a place will be secured for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [51234/19]
*341. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for new cuts being imposed on pharmacists. — Stephen Donnelly. [51244/19]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he has taken to follow-up on a report (details supplied) commissioned by the HSE on pharmacy fees; the findings of the report; and if it will be published immediately. — Stephen Donnelly. [51245/19]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health if the imposition of new cuts to pharmacists will lead to the closure of pharmacies. — Stephen Donnelly. [51246/19]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the implementation of new services to be carried out by pharmacists. — Stephen Donnelly. [51247/19]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health if a replacement has been appointed for a position (details supplied) at Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital, Crumlin in view of the fact that the post holder is leaving the post prior to the end of 2019; if so, when the appointee will be in situ to ensure continuity of service and essential appointments and that prescriptions do not lapse; if he will consider making funding available for the provision of a multi-disciplinary team for pain management clinics in Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital, Crumlin and Temple Street Children’s University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O’Rourke. [51242/19]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding medical card applicants that are in receipt of disability allowance and also have earnings from employment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [51256/19]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to save village and small town pharmacies in rural areas in view of the fact that pharmacists are now the only profession to have no fee restoration under FEMPI despite his promise in May 2019 to start talks (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [51259/19]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a nursing unit (details supplied) is not taking respite admissions at present; when it will be accepting same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [51264/19]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure the ongoing provision of a position (details supplied) at Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital, Crumlin in view of the fact that the current specialist is due to leave by year end without a replacement provided for; if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of families whose children are attending Crumlin for pain management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51265/19]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on gynaecological waiting lists by month from 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, for the three Dublin maternity hospitals (details supplied); the numbers waiting less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 18 and more than 18 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [51266/19]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons being referred to gynaecological services for the three Dublin maternity hospitals (details supplied) for each month in 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [51267/19]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 376 of 9 April 2019, the status of the patient safety (licensing) Bill in view of the continuing and ongoing lack of
regulation with regard to non-medics being allowed to administer lip fillers here (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [51272/19]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided in 2020 to start the design phase for the new emergency department for Mayo University Hospital. — Lisa Chambers. [51279/19]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Mayo waiting for an occupational therapy, physiotherapy and or speech and language appointment in tabular form; and the length of time they have been waiting. — Lisa Chambers. [51280/19]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric occupational therapists working in County Mayo; the number of vacancies of same; the length of time the posts have been vacant; and the date for the commencement and conclusion of the recruitment process to fill the vacancies. — Lisa Chambers. [51281/19]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric physiotherapists working in County Mayo; the number of vacancies of same; the length of time the posts have been vacant; and the date for the commencement and conclusion of the recruitment process to fill the vacancies. — Lisa Chambers. [51282/19]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric speech and language therapists working in County Mayo; the number of vacancies of same; the length of time the posts have been vacant; and the date for the commencement and conclusion of the recruitment process to fill the vacancies. — Lisa Chambers. [51283/19]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for an outpatient appointment at Mayo University Hospital; and the length of time they been waiting. — Lisa Chambers. [51284/19]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant consultant posts at Mayo University Hospital; and the areas in which the vacancies are located. — Lisa Chambers. [51285/19]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that presented to the emergency department at Mayo University Hospital in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Lisa Chambers. [51286/19]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health when the emergency department at Mayo University Hospital was built; the number of patients it was planned to cater for; and the intended capacity of the unit. — Lisa Chambers. [51287/19]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to open a full-time ambulance base in Ballinrobe, County Mayo in view of the inability of the ambulance bases in the county to meet HIQA response times for parts of south County Mayo due to geography and distance. — Lisa Chambers. [51288/19]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health the progress being made on supplying a hospital bed to the home of a person (details supplied). — Stephen Donnelly. [51289/19]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a student (details supplied) that did not receive the HPV vaccine in 2018 due to an illness, cannot be administered gardasil 9 in 2019 and is being asked to take gardasil 4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [51293/19]
To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a new transport support scheme to replace the discontinuation of the mobility allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [51294/19]

To ask the Minister for Health the ambulance turnaround time performance target in each of the years 2014 to 2018; and if the 2019 target (details supplied) represents a change from the previous years. — Lisa Chambers. [51297/19]

To ask the Minister for Health his plans to recruit a replacement speech and language therapist for the Mountbellew primary care centre, County Galway (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [51298/19]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for a home support house in CHO5 at the end of October 2019; the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [51303/19]

To ask the Minister for Health if an occupational therapy appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied) due to the priority nature of the case; when the person will receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [51304/19]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of abortions carried out in each hospital since the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 came into force; the number of persons that presented at hospital for an abortion in emergency circumstances following a visit to a general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51309/19]

To ask the Minister for Health the provision made for conscientious objection by members of medical staff in relation to abortion services; the procedure for conscientious objection to abortion services in emergency circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51310/19]

To ask the Minister for Health the additional resources allocated to hospitals for the provision of abortion services following the enactment of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51311/19]

To ask the Minister for Health if situations have arisen in which women that have been treated for a termination of pregnancy have recovered in a maternity ward; if so, the number and location of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51312/19]

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 373 of 1 October 2019, if a date for an operation will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [51318/19]

To ask the Minister for Health when home support hours awarded to a person (details supplied) will be put into place. — Thomas Byrne. [51329/19]

To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the HSE to allow a person (details supplied) to receive the optimum dose of their medication as per clinical recommendation without incurring an additional charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [51339/19]
*377. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in approving transfer requests across similar grades and status within the clerical officer, administration and public health nurse categories (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51348/19]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health the ongoing support services and resourcing provided at University Hospital Waterford for patients that received stoma surgery and attend the hospital on an ongoing basis as part of the follow-up care; the nursing and financial resource allotted for such care at the hospital; the way in which this compares to other model 4 cancer centres nationally (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [51349/19]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to honour the commitment made at a conference (details supplied) in May 2019 to unwind FEMPI and increase investment and expansion of healthcare services in pharmacies; and his further plans to pursue cuts to the sector. — Sean Sherlock. [51351/19]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the new homecare packages in the past six months by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [51359/19]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health the reason multiple sclerosis IV treatment is not available in University Hospital Kerry and is only available privately at a private hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [51360/19]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health when FEMPI cuts to pharmacies will be reversed; if the HSE will enter into meaningful talks with a union (details supplied) regarding new contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51368/19]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that the necessary funds are made available in order that the day-care and residential facilities at a care home (details supplied) can remain open into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51369/19]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health if a review has taken place in relation to persons that have been adversely affected by vaginal mesh and their access to medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [51372/19]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will receive homecare on a daily basis similar to the level they received at a previous address; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51376/19]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health the funding from his Department to the Canal Communities Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Force by year since 2015; the planned funding for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51380/19]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health if an increase in funding of €1.5 million annually will be granted to an organisation (details supplied) from the HSE to enable it to be sustainable in view of the fact there are reported shortfalls concerning the current funding model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51393/19]
*388. To ask the Minister for Health if an investment of €5 million to open a regional neuro-
rehabilitation centre to provide rehabilitation beds outside of Dublin will be granted to an
organisation (details supplied). — Carol Nolan. [51394/19]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches
planned by his Department for the first six months of 2020; the budgeted costs of these campaigns;
and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51412/19]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health the data sharing agreements his Department has in place
with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; the purpose of these data
sharing agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51429/19]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health if a new position for orthodontist therapists will be
established within the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane.
[51471/19]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health the agencies or organisations under the remit of his
Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number
of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have
[51497/19]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the €198.5 million development funding
held by his Department in 2019 for release to the HSE on approval of implementation plans and
commencement of specific developments (details supplied); and the funding released for each
specific development in tabular form. — James Browne. [51504/19]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health the laboratories in which the 159 slides reviewed by a
college (details supplied) came from and which were classified as discordant cases in which the
expert panel considered there was an adverse effect on the outcome of the woman; and if he will
make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51505/19]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health the laboratories from which the slides came from and which
were found by the review by a college (details supplied) to contain discordant results; and the slides
which were found to have low grade abnormal cells 14.3% and high grade abnormal cells 30%. —
Bríd Smith. [51506/19]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend services in the Central Remedial Clinic,
Waterford to the adult population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane.
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*397. To ask the Minister for Health the services delivered by the Central Remedial Clinic,
Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [51514/19]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health the spend for the Central Remedial Clinic, Waterford in
each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter.
— David Cullinane. [51515/19]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health the budget and number of staff working in his Department
in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a
statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51568/19]
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*400. To ask the Minister for Health if a referral will be expedited for a person (details supplied) to the Cavan and Monaghan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51576/19]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health if home help for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; if the case will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51580/19]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of having the cataract theatre at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital operational five days per week. — Louise O’Reilly. [51581/19]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health when the mortuary at Beaumont Hospital was last refurbished; and if funding to have it refurbished in 2020 is available. — Louise O’Reilly. [51582/19]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a primary medical certificate for a grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [51583/19]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health the reason he refused to appoint an independent health specialist to investigate the dossier and the additional documents sent to him in relation to persons (details supplied) in County Limerick on 31 December 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51584/19]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the dossier given to him by a Deputy (details supplied) in October 2018 on behalf of a family in County Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51586/19]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 310 of 19 November 2019, if an organisation (details supplied) will continue to provide services for children at a school in Waterford city; if not, the person or body that will be providing the service if it discontinues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [51599/19]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health the status of dental treatments offered to primary school children in circumstances in which children in sixth class in schools in areas of south-west County Cork have never been seen by a dentist and many are called after they leave primary education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O’Mahony. [51600/19]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the recent report of a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51605/19]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the recent resignation of the patient representative from the CervicalCheck steering group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51606/19]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to funding concerns in the Food Safety Authority of Ireland; if representations have been made in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [51619/19]
*412. To ask the Minister for Health the reason it is necessary for applicants for psychotherapist posts to hold a social science degree and a degree in psychotherapy to qualify for psychotherapy posts. — Louise O’Reilly. [51623/19]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health if talks have commenced with the representative body for pharmacy contractors regarding new fee regulations, the reform and modernisation of pharmacy services and the unwinding of FEMPI for community pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [51628/19]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a second consultant for a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [51630/19]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE ensures compliance with best practice in the provision of medical services by private contractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [51631/19]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE ensures compliance with best practice in the purchase of hyperbaric medicine services for patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [51632/19]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health if HSE hospitals refer patients to non-compliant centres for hyperbaric medicine services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [51633/19]

*418. 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. [51639/19]

*419. 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. [51640/19]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for assistance for a hearing aid by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51641/19]

*421. 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. [51642/19]

*422. 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. [51643/19]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51644/19]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health if the funding available to severe asthma centres for anti-IL5 inhibitor treatments will be increased in the HSE national service plan 2020, in view of recent reports of a significant shortfall in funding and large waiting lists for eligible patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [51650/19]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women that applied to join a group (details supplied) recently; the number that should have been included initially, that is, they met the criteria
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for joining; the reason they were not invited to join initially; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [51651/19]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health when the HPV test will be launched for women nationwide; the reason the September 2018 and 2019 deadline for same was missed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [51652/19]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health if, further to the review of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists into cervical cancer cases, he will request a review of colposcopy practices as outlined in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [51653/19]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied with the way in which women and their families were treated as part of the review by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in cervical cancer cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [51654/19]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health the reason funding for the winter plan was not included in the 2019 HSE service plan and is being included in the supplementary estimates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [51655/19]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be made available to open a residential care centre (details supplied) in County Monaghan; if he met officials regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51675/19]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health the rent paid to date on a building (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51678/19]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [51679/19]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding a paediatric pain consultant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51700/19]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a building (details supplied); the plans of the HSE to use the property; the timeline for operation; and the cost to the HSE of renting the property while it has been out of operation. — Pat Buckley. [51715/19]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a full assessment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51719/19]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health the problems that exist regarding the printing of documents from the information technology system in the health service; the number of persons affected by the inability to print documents; the cost of the system; the steps required to fix same; the estimated cost of the fix; and when it will be fixed. — Peadar Tóibín. [51722/19]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a reply has not issued to a local authority (details supplied) in relation to its request for a meeting; if he will review same with a view to arranging the meeting; if he will contact the authority directly acknowledging its request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51725/19]
*438. To ask the Minister for Health if he will release the information sought since June 2018 regarding a breakdown by laboratory contracted under CervicalCheck of the false negatives identified by a review (details supplied) and the scale of discordance identified between the original CervicalCheck result and the review; and if same will be presented across the laboratories in this regard. — Bríd Smith. [51728/19]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 128 of 5 December 2018, if, following a review (details supplied) he will direct the HSE to provide the information requested. — Bríd Smith. [51729/19]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 130 of 5 February 2019, if the analysis referred to the person with appropriate expertise is a reference to the 221 laboratory audit report, a report (details supplied) or a separate analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51730/19]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 322 and 323 of 24 September 2019, if the fact that the HSE has established an expert group to review clinical audit of interval cancers is a reference to a review (details supplied) or a different expert group. — Bríd Smith. [51731/19]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) would not receive a full reimbursement under the cross border directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51734/19]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health if, following the Scally report and a review (details supplied), he will recommence the CervicalCheck audit that has been paused since May 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51750/19]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health the number of slides requested by a college (details supplied) to be included in its review and which had been given consent for inclusion by the women concerned but were not available to the review due to the fact the laboratory concerned could not locate them, by laboratory; if the slides have subsequently become available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51751/19]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a review (details supplied) suggests that twice as many high grade abnormalities are missed by laboratories contracted to conduct the CervicalCheck screening program in comparison to the referenced screening program in the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51752/19]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health if the exact same standards of measuring of that which constitutes a discordant slide upon review as opposed to a concordant slide are employed by the ongoing slide review involving cases of cervical cancer in the UK referenced by a college (details supplied) and its own methodology used in a recent review. — Bríd Smith. [51753/19]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 320, 321, 322, 324 and 325 of 26 November 2019, the reason implants which caused breast implant associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma were used here up until December 2018 in view of the fact that the condition was recognised as a type of ALCL by the World Health Organisation in 2016. — Louise O’Reilly. [51761/19]
*448. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 320, 321, 322, 324 and 325 of 26 November 2019, the reason it took until November and December 2019 for women that were given implants associated with breast implant associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma to be notified of their risk of the condition in view of the fact the condition was recognised as a type of ALCL by the World Health Organisation in 2016 and the use of the implants was ceased here in December 2018. — Louise O’Reilly. [51762/19]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the need of a person (details supplied) to undergo ENT treatment in University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51764/19]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health if no further cuts will be made to payments made to pharmacists in advance of the full unwinding of FEMPI and the negotiation of a new pharmacy contact and new pharmacy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [51773/19]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that by refusing to appoint an independent health expert to investigate the dossier sent to him in 2018 in relation to persons (details supplied) in County Limerick he is potentially putting the health of persons in County Limerick at risk; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the dossier shows the way in which the investigation using section disease cluster protocol failed to carry out an independent and transparent investigation into the health section that will not be used to investigate the human health clusters from the proposed incinerator should it cause damage to human health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51788/19]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health if he sent the dossier that was given to him on behalf of persons (details supplied) in County Limerick in October 2018 to some of the persons that allegations were made against in the dossier; if they were in turn part of the group that advised him to refuse the persons a public inquiry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51789/19]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health if the additional documents sent to him on behalf of persons (details supplied) in County Limerick on 31 December 2018 relating to An Taoiseach when he was Minister for Health have been examined by him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51790/19]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 159 of 6 November 2019, the reason there are no primary care paediatric services in County Kilkenny; if children referred to the service can be seen in another county or a location in which the service exists; if, in the event of the service continuing to be unavailable through the HSE, funding will be provided for the children to be seen privately; if the referral of a person (details supplied) made by the public health nurse on 26 October 2018 will be dealt with as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [51794/19]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that have been taken to allocate funding directly to an organisation (details supplied) following commitments provided by the Minister of State with special responsibility for Disability Issues to the family forum meeting in County Kilkenny; if cases such as the case of a person have been funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [51796/19]
*456. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 411 and 412 of 3 December 2019, the breakdown of the homecare budget for CHO9; the funding allocated, for example, to the provision of hours, administration in CHO9 and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51814/19]

*457. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [51815/19]

*458. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [51816/19]

*459. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [51817/19]

*460. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 320, 321, 322, 324 and 325 of 26 November 2019, if the breast implants which are now known to cause breast implant associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma were centrally purchased; the number in stock when it was withdrawn; if products left in stock have been returned to the company (details supplied) and credited as not fit-for-purpose products; and if they have been destroyed. — Louise O’Reilly. [51881/19]

*461. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 320, 321, 322, 324 and 325 of 26 November 2019, if a company (details supplied) or its insurers have met with his Department, the HSE, the Health Products Regulatory Authority or other Departments, offices or statutory bodies in relation to the breast implants which are now known to cause breast implant associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma to discuss their possible ill effect on those that received them. — Louise O’Reilly. [51882/19]

*462. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 320, 321, 322, 324 and 325 of 26 November 2019, if he, the HSE or the Health Products Regulatory Authority secured an undertaking from a company (details supplied) that it will fund the removal of implants provided to women in hospitals here which are now known to cause breast implant associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma. — Louise O’Reilly. [51883/19]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 320, 321, 322, 324 and 325 of 26 November 2019, the reason a freephone number was not provided on the correspondence sent to women that received breast implants known to cause breast implant associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma; and the specific training provided to the personnel manning the call lines for the number provided. — Louise O’Reilly. [51884/19]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 320, 321, 322, 324 and 325 of 26 November 2019, the reason the Health Products Regulatory Authority, the HSE or his Department did not as a precautionary measure cease ordering and distributing to participating cancer centres the textured implants of the company (details supplied) in view of the fact there were already significant numbers of reported instances of breast implant associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma attributed to the product. — Louise O’Reilly. [51885/19]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 320, 321, 322, 324 and 325 of 26 November 2019, if women seeking to have the surgical removal of an implant that was provided by the State will have such a procedure provided for in a public or voluntary hospital
and that there will not be a cost or charge to the woman in such an event. — Louise O’Reilly. [51886/19]

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

*466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; if they will be permitted to enter the BEAM scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51085/19]

*467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider an amendment to the GLAS scheme to compensate GLAS or other scheme participants that lose a portion or their entire payments as a consequence of land given over for the construction of a greenway, cycleway or walkway; the number of GLAS applicants that have had their payments reduced owing to portions of land given over for a greenway by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [51144/19]

*468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason members of an association (details supplied) are not included in the stakeholder committee that will develop the agri-food strategy to 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51181/19]

*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts being made to ensure live crab exports to China will resume as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [51190/19]

*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when applicants under the TAMS scheme will be notified of the outcome of their application and amount of grant being approved; and if an application under TAMS by a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [51319/19]

*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to maintain the exports of Irish brown crab to the Chinese market in view of the fact fishermen rely on this species for an income (details supplied); the reason the SFPA changed the procedure for the Irish sector by insisting that the export health certificate will only be issued on production of a compliant cadmium result from a sample submitted for testing by the Marine Institute; if the SFPA was offered an opportunity to join fellow EU agencies engaging with the Chinese authorities to have the standard for cadmium adjusted to bring it in line with EU regulations; the position decided upon by the Irish authorities on this latter point; and if the authorities consulted with fishing representative stakeholders in forming this position. — Charlie McConalogue. [51381/19]

*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the existing CAP budget will be maintained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51383/19]

*473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the knowledge transfer scheme which assists farmers in increasing efficiency and profitability will be rolled over until the Common Agricultural Policy is agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51384/19]

*474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the greening payment will be rolled over; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51385/19]
*475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the GLAS scheme will be extended until a new payment is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51386/19]

*476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide clarity in respect of the proposed two TB tests for cattle; the stage and circumstances these two TB tests will have to be taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51387/19]

*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the introduction of two TB tests; if it is to meet standards of the Chinese market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51388/19]

*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to increase the export of calves in early 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51389/19]

*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches planned by his Department for the first six months of 2020; the budgeted costs of these campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51402/19]

*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the data sharing agreements his Department has in place with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; the purpose of these data sharing agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51419/19]

*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of freedom of information requests in which his Department made a decision to deny; and the number in which the Information Commissioner overturned the decision of his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Jack Chambers. [51453/19]

*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the delay for the renewal and extension of tree felling licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51484/19]

*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if registered companies and sawmills involved in tree felling will be granted extended licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51485/19]

*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the agencies or organisations under the remit of his Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have an obligation to appear before committees of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — James Browne. [51487/19]

*485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person (details supplied) has not been facilitated in relation to farming costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [51524/19]

*486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the budget and number of staff working in his Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51558/19]
*487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to media reports (details supplied) in relation to the killing of dairy bull calves; his views in relation to same; the protections put in place to prevent such killings; the fines in place as a deterrent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51507/19]

*488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the atypical workers scheme in relation to the fishing industry does not provide for effectively preventing and combating trafficking in persons for the purpose of forced labour and labour exploitation in the fishing industry; the steps he is taking in conjunction with other Departments to monitor the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [51590/19]

*489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to review live exports of cattle to third countries by ship; and his further plans to introduce a moratorium in relation to same in view of a recent disaster (details supplied). — Catherine Martin. [51669/19]

*490. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contingency plans in place in cases in which a live transport disaster such as that which recently occurred in Romania befall a ship carrying live Irish cattle in view of the fact that the use of ships to transport live cattle is covered by Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 within and outside the EU for the full extent of the journey. — Catherine Martin. [51670/19]

*491. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a report (details supplied) on the greyhound industry will be available; and the reason for the delay in its publication. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51673/19]

*492. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [51686/19]

*493. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the outstanding balances for 2019 GLAS payments will be finalised and issued. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51699/19]

*494. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on reports that officials from his Department have recently removed approximately 25 feral goats from the herd in the Scalp area of Kiltiernan, County Dublin; his plans to manage the population of the herd; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [51771/19]

*495. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the findings of the strategic environmental assessment of the Forestry Programmes 2014 – 2020 (details supplied). — Jackie Cahill. [51784/19]

*496. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the existing safeguards built into measures in addition to best practice measures adopted by the Forest Service for the strategic environmental assessment of the Forestry Programmes 2014-2020 with regard to the impact on Natura 2000 sites. — Jackie Cahill. [51785/19]

*497. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if current policy does not permit afforestation within hen harrier SPAs pending the formulation of the threat response plan for the species led by the NPWS. — Jackie Cahill. [51786/19]
*498. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the location and size in hectares of each site designated as Natura 2000 pursuant to the habitats and birds directives in which afforestation has been permitted that is consistent with the conservation objectives of the sites by county in tabular form. — Jackie Cahill. [51787/19]

*499. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a GLAS payment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51877/19]

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

*500. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated cost of increasing each grant level by €100 including increasing the maximum grant for the purchase of privately purchased electric vehicles. — Jonathan O’Brien. [51087/19]

*501. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated cost of doubling the grants including increasing the maximum grant available for the purchase of privately purchased electric vehicles. — Jonathan O’Brien. [51088/19]

*502. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated cost of increasing the electric vehicle home charger grant by €100. — Jonathan O’Brien. [51089/19]

*503. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timescale for broadband roll out in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [51205/19]

*504. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the delay in the provision of the warmer home grants due to increased demand; his views on whether the increased demand is due to a change in criteria; if funding will be allocated to meet the additional demand; if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if the application will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51296/19]

*505. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the poor air quality recorded by an organisation (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [51350/19]

*506. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 485 of 3 December 2019, if he will provide a full and detailed breakdown of fees paid to a company (details supplied); the number of projects and or assignments the company was engaged on during the entire NBP process; if he will also provide a detailed schedule of the achievements by the company in respect of the €4 million fee in the table provided in the reply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [51379/19]

*507. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches planned by his Department for the first six months of 2020; the budgeted costs of these campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51405/19]
*508. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the data sharing agreements his Department has in place with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; the purpose of these data sharing agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51422/19]

*509. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of freedom of information requests in which his Department made a decision to deny; and the number in which the Information Commissioner overturned the decision of his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Jack Chambers. [51456/19]

*510. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if no officials attended an event hosted by a company (details supplied) which took place in County Clare on 19 November 2019. — Jack Chambers. [51474/19]

*511. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the agencies or organisations under the remit of his Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have an obligation to appear before committees of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — James Browne. [51490/19]

*512. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the budget and number of staff working in his Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51561/19]

*513. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on a recent report (details supplied) regarding air quality in Cork city; his views on same; his plans to address the issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [51607/19]

*514. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which the 300 broadband hubs were selected for the National Broadband Plan roll out; the level of consultation with the public and the successful bidder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51664/19]

*515. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the locations considered for the national broadband hubs which were not successful; the reason they did not make the list of 300; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51665/19]

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

*516. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason the rolling stock purchased by Irish Rail in recent years being stored in warehouses cannot be used. — Joe O’Brien. [51512/19]

*517. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to fund the regional road network nationwide specifically those coded R; if his attention has been drawn to the importance of the regional road network; the funding made available for same since 2016, by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [51140/19]

*518. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce a strategic regional roads scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [51141/19]
*519. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the condition of the R312 road in County Mayo; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that it is the main road linking Erris to Mayo University Hospital and its condition is the cause of significant distress caused to persons accessing health services at the hospital especially via ambulance; if an emergency report on the condition of the road will be requested from Mayo County Council; and if the necessary support will be put in place for urgent works. — Dara Calleary. [51142/19]

*520. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to compensate land owners that lose portions of their payments, for example, via the GLAS scheme specifically owing to land given up for the development of a greenway, cycleway and walkway in the context of his responsibility for the Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [51143/19]

*521. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount drawn down by the end of October and November 2019 by local authority in respect of the national roads allocation 2019; if the allocations provided for will be drawn down by the end of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [51161/19]

*522. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of spending in 2018 and to date in 2019 for the national roads allocations by local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [51162/19]

*523. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the action he has taken to include a feasibility study on the recommendation in the recent Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly recommendation to complete the construction of MetroLink from Swords to Sandyford and to UCD and Knocklyon from Charlemont; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51188/19]

*524. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be allocated for new bus shelters in County Kildare during the remainder of 2019; his plans for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [51201/19]

*525. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the NTA will install bus shelters at locations (details supplied) in County Sligo; if it will consider moving a bus stop to a more suitable location to allow for the safer access to the bus by residents in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [51208/19]

*526. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of cars clamped to date at the Luas Red Cow Park and Ride; the number of these appealed; the number of successful appeals; the number of vehicles clamped as a result of an error when entering the car registration when purchasing a parking ticket; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [51268/19]

*527. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding budgeted under the National Development Plan 2018-2027 in each of the next five years by transport, tourism and sport by year and project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O’Brien. [51292/19]

*528. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches planned by his Department for the first six months of 2020; the
budgeted costs of these campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51418/19]

*529. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the data sharing agreements his Department has in place with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; the purpose of these data sharing agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51435/19]

*530. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of freedom of information requests in which his Department made a decision to deny; and the number in which the Information Commissioner overturned the decision of his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Jack Chambers. [51469/19]

*531. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the agencies or organisations under the remit of his Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have an obligation to appear before committees of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — James Browne. [51503/19]

*532. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the budget and number of staff working in his Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51573/19]

*533. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the establishment of bus shelters at bus stops (details supplied) in County Sligo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [51574/19]

*534. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the body, authority or court to which an employee can refer issues relating to their rights under section 12.9 of the State Airports Act 2004 (as amended). — Darragh O’Brien. [51585/19]

*535. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason EU Council Directive EU 2017/159 of 19 December 2016 implementing the agreement regarding the implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention 2007 of the International Labour Organisation has not been transposed by Ireland by the deadline of 15 November 2019 as contained in article 4 of the directive and as agreed in the settlement agreement reached between the State and a union (details supplied) on 3 April 2019; when regulations transposing the directive will be signed by him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [51592/19]

*536. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to make amendments to the European Communities Workers on Board Sea-Going Fishing Vessels Organisation of Working Time Regulations 2003 in particular regulation 6 to accurately to reflect the terms of article 21 of directive 2003/88/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 regarding certain aspects of the organisation of working time as it relates to maximum hours or work and minimum hours of rest on sea-fishing vessels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [51593/19]

*537. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the initiatives or grants available for local organisations and groups to assist local schools in the promotion of sports and active lifestyles courses for students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [51625/19]
*538. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Dublin city centre resignalling project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51648/19]

*539. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of unannounced inspections conducted by the Marine Survey Office as a result of referrals by the Workplace Relations Commission since the agreement reached between the MSO and WRC on exchange of information as part of the settlement of legal proceedings between the State and a union (details supplied) on 3 April 2019; the number of violations of applicable regulations observed as a result of such inspections; the number of prosecutions initiated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [51674/19]

*540. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will revise the local area hackney scheme by increasing the area within which a driver may pick up passengers from the existing five to seven kilometres to an increased area of 16 to 20 kilometres from their home address for towns and villages in which the population does not exceed 1,500; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [51688/19]

*541. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a tender to construct a new national velodrome and badminton centre has been published; and if so, when construction will commence. — Catherine Murphy. [51692/19]

*542. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he last met with the CEO of the DAA (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [51693/19]

*543. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason a sports capital grant application by a club (details supplied) was unsuccessful in the most recent round of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [51701/19]

*544. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason a sports capital grant application by a club (details supplied) was unsuccessful in the most recent round of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [51702/19]

*545. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the cost to the RSA of using an external provider to carry out the task of manually inputting the data received from the Courts Service on court disqualifications by year to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51708/19]

*546. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the data and information on the national vehicle drivers’ file will be made available via direct feed to An Garda Síochána for their handheld devices; when the process will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51711/19]

*547. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the role of his Department in preventing trafficking in human beings, prosecuting human traffickers and protecting victims of human trafficking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [51720/19]

*548. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which, in the absence of effective rules on maximum hours of work and minimum hours of rest on sea-fishing vessels the
Marine Survey Office plans to protect workers on such vessels against exploitation and overwork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [51723/19]

*549. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount Bus Éireann lost, that is, the net deficit in 2013 for commercial services including expressway. — Pearse Doherty. [51737/19]

*550. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason correspondence (details supplied) was not forwarded to the subcommittee of a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [51744/19]

*551. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the fleet size of Dublin Bus in each of the years 1990 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [51745/19]

*552. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress of the next phase of the southern distributor route for Athy, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [51749/19]

*553. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the analysis he or bodies under his aegis with responsibility for transport such as the National Transport Authority have carried out of the potential contribution to decarbonisation of transport which could be made by small and lightweight electric vehicles including electric bicycles, tricycles, cargo bikes and small cars; and the consideration he has given to encouraging such small and light electric vehicles which appear to be excluded from his policies to electrify transport systems. — Catherine Martin. [51770/19]

*554. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of car parking spaces at the Luas park and ride facility in Carrickmines, Dublin 18; the equivalent number of spaces at the Red Cow; the number of parking fines levied by or on behalf of Luas at each car park during 2018; the number of parking fine refunds granted at each in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [51772/19]

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

*555. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated full-year cost of increasing the funding of the school completion programme by 10%, 20%, 30%, 40% and 50%, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51328/19]

*556. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of childcare providers found in breach of regulation by Tusla as a result of the new regulations on standardised quality of care for school-age children and as a result have had to reduce their places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51093/19]

*557. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the participation of private childcare providers in the national childcare scheme; the breakdown of places available under the scheme for pre-ECCE, ECCE and school-age children across the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51094/19]

*558. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding childminding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51166/19]
*559. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she continues to engage with local and voluntary youth services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [51202/19]

*560. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated full-year running cost of the Office of the Ombudsman for Children. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51342/19]

*561. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches planned by her Department for the first six months of 2020; the budgeted costs of these campaigns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51404/19]

*562. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the data sharing agreements her Department has in place with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; the purpose of these data sharing agreements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51421/19]

*563. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of freedom of information requests in which her Department made a decision to deny; and the number in which the Information Commissioner overturned the decision of her Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Jack Chambers. [51455/19]

*564. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the agencies or organisations under the remit of her Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have an obligation to appear before committees of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — James Browne. [51489/19]

*565. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the budget and number of staff working in her Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51560/19]

*566. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will report on the recent Nairobi summit (details supplied); the commitments made by Ireland; the way in which the implementation of the commitments will be monitored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [51597/19]

*567. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to a funding application made by an organisation (details supplied) to Tusla for capital funding; the status of the application; the timeframe for a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [51774/19]

*568. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason the €22,000 withheld from a preschool (details supplied) in relation to November 2018 compliance audit has not issued in spite of the paperwork having been submitted; the position regarding its application for €20,000 from the sustainability programme; and if other preschools can avail of the school meals programme, the reason it has been refused. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51811/19]

*569. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which provision is being made to combat bullying outside of school amongst teenagers; the extent to which bodies under her aegis of interact with school authorities in order to take early action; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51829/19]
*570. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the degree to which she remains satisfied that the budget of her Department remains sufficient to meet the challenges of the future in terms of the provision of children and youth support facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51830/19]

*571. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children placed in safe residential care including foster care in each of the past three years to date in 2019; the degree to which this has been sufficient to meet the demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51831/19]

*572. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she through her Department has positively intervened to support families or children deemed to be at risk in each of the past two years to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51832/19]

*573. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she has access to safe and secure placement for children at risk; if this is sufficient to meet the demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51833/19]

*574. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children currently in need of and receiving protection from the State through her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51836/19]

*575. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of cases of children thought to be the victims of abuse of a physical, emotional or sexual nature brought to the attention of her Department in each of the past two years to date in 2019; the extent to which the issues were satisfactorily addressed in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51837/19]

*576. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps taken by her Department to provide an early alert system in cases of suspected child abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51839/19]

*577. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the degree to which she remains satisfied regarding the availability of community child support services including the provision of support for afterschool activities through youth clubs and similar bodies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51840/19]

*578. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she maintains dialogue with the prison services with a view to providing appropriate support for first-time offender juveniles on their release from prison; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51841/19]

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

*579. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the review of the Community Social Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51255/19]
*580. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of funding for a childcare facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51097/19]

*581. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps he has taken to maintain a commitment given to compensate landowners for losses in scheme payments, for example, GLAS as a consequence of a portion of land been given over to a greenway, cycleway or walkway project; when such a scheme will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [51145/19]

*582. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the local authority or project promoter from which he has withdrawn funding for projects that were initially approved by his Department or project initially approved funding by another Department the responsibility of which for such projects was transferred to his Department subsequently; the amount approved and withdrawn, respectively by each project; if funding for a project was subsequently reinstated by county in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to 1 December 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [51330/19]

*583. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if grant funding suitable for a large-scale sports project is available (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [51352/19]

*584. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of schools in each county that have been successful in applying for a school playground from the CLÁR programme in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of applications in the area annually; and the number of approved and rejected applications by county. — Dara Calleary. [51354/19]

*585. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his views on correspondence (details supplied) regarding the CLÁR scheme. — Dara Calleary. [51355/19]

*586. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches planned by his Department for the first six months of 2020; the budgeted costs of these campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51416/19]

*587. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the data sharing agreements his Department has in place with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; the purpose of these data sharing agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51433/19]

*588. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of freedom of information requests in which his Department made a decision to deny; and the number in which the Information Commissioner overturned the decision of his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Jack Chambers. [51467/19]

*589. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the agencies or organisations under the remit of his Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have an obligation to appear before committees of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — James Browne. [51501/19]
*590. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the budget and number of staff working in his Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51572/19]

*591. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the budget allocation for the Charities Regulatory Authority in each of the years 2017 to 2019. — Catherine Murphy. [51694/19]

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

*592. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to a farm assist application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51278/19]

*593. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on a child benefit application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51173/19]

*594. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason community employment supervisors are classified as employees of an active labour market programme in view of the fact the majority of the supervisors are recruited from the open job vacancies market and are employed on indefinite contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [51174/19]

*595. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51176/19]

*596. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on a carer’s allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51189/19]

*597. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51196/19]

*598. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the processing times for carer’s allowance applications for each month to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51227/19]

*599. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for the delay in processing a carer’s allowance application by a person (details supplied); when a decision will be expected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51228/19]

*600. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an overdue claim for carer’s allowance by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [51233/19]

*601. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount of State pension (contributory) which should be paid to a person (details supplied); the reason they are
only receiving €207 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51235/19]

*602. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will issue on an application by a person (details supplied) for a review of a refusal of a disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51238/19]

*603. 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. [51249/19]

*604. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made on an application for a review of a refusal of invalidity pension by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51251/19]

*605. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer’s allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51253/19]

*606. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if self-employed persons qualify for the working family payment; if not, the alternative payments available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51258/19]

*607. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a survey carried out in 2018 by her Department of parents on domiciliary care allowance in relation to potentially increasing the disability allowance age from 16 to 18 years of age and extending the domiciliary care allowance age from 16 to 18 years of age; if a decision has been made on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51262/19]

*608. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason seasonal self-employed workers cannot claim jobseeker’s benefit; and if she will consider changing this anomaly to enable all seasonable workers have the same benefits as PAYE workers. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [51263/19]

*609. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of children that will have to be taken out of poverty if the 2020 child poverty target is to be met in view of the latest SILC data; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51305/19]

*610. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons in consistent poverty here based on the latest SILC data; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51306/19]

*611. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the national poverty target; the number of persons that will have to be taken out of poverty for the target to be met; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51307/19]

*612. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason there was an increase in the at risk of poverty rate for those not at work due to an illness or a disability in the latest SILC data; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51308/19]
*613. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer’s allowance application by a person (details supplied). — Tom Neville. [51313/19]

*614. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will meet with this Deputy and a person (details supplied) to discuss older workers and community employment schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51320/19]

*615. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of making a one-off annual double payment of child benefit to all recipients in July 2020. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51321/19]

*616. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of talks with community employee supervisors; the status of proposals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51353/19]

*617. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person that is unemployed and wishes to undertake an ETB course is not eligible for a social welfare payment while partaking in the course (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [51361/19]

*618. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if self-employed persons can avail of illness benefit when on sick leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [51363/19]

*619. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [51364/19]

*620. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an illness benefit for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51377/19]

*621. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches planned by her Department for the first six months of 2020; the budgeted costs of these campaigns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51409/19]

*622. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the data sharing agreements her Department has in place with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; the purpose of these data sharing agreements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51426/19]

*623. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of freedom of information requests in which her Department made a decision to deny; and the number in which the Information Commissioner overturned the decision of her Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Jack Chambers. [51460/19]

*624. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 484 of 26 November 2019, the reason for the difference between gross and net cost estimated; and the breakdown of same. — John Brady. [51472/19]
*625. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an illness benefit for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51479/19]

*626. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the agencies or organisations under the remit of her Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have an obligation to appear before committees of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — James Browne. [51494/19]

*627. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the budget and number of staff working in her Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51565/19]

*628. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that will be affected by the increase in the pension age to 67 years of age from January 2021; the number of persons aged 65 and 66 years of age that are entitled to but unable to claim a State pension until they are 67 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51577/19]

*629. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she has taken to inform the public of the increase in the pension age to 67 years of age in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51578/19]

*630. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an impact assessment of increasing the contributions required to qualify for a State pension from 30 to 40 contributions under the total contribution approach that is due to come into effect in quarter 3 of 2020 has been conducted; the number of persons that may not be entitled to a full rate of State pension under the changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51579/19]

*631. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to honour the Labour Court ruling of 2008 which recommended pension payments for community employment supervisors and assistant supervisors. — John Brady. [51587/19]

*632. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if JobPath participants can have safe pass paid on their behalf to increase their chances of securing employment; if so, the process and criteria in place in implementing such requests; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51594/19]

*633. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an appeal by a person (details supplied) lodged in July 2019 will be expedited; the status of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51637/19]

*634. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is eligible for carer’s benefit in view of the refusal of carer’s allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51676/19]

*635. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a carer’s allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51713/19]
To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of rent allowance in County Kildare in each of the years 2007 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [51716/19]

To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to ensure the cuts to the disablement pension made during the recession are reversed at the next possible opportunity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [51718/19]

To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she has received correspondence from a union (details supplied) regarding increases in the State pension age; the projected cost of implementing the proposals including reversing the decision to increase the State pension age in 2021 and 2028; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51740/19]

To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps taken to inform persons of the increase in pension age due to come into effect in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51741/19]

To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of making the qualifying condition for the State pension 30 years of PRSI contributions as opposed to the proposed number under the total contributions approach due to come into effect in quarter 3 of 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51742/19]

To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in County Cork in relation to pension entitlement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51777/19]

To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to ensure that fathers can take the newly introduced parental leave immediately after their two weeks paternity leave if they have taken that leave immediately after the birth of their child; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the need to have a PPS number for the child and the length of time it takes to obtain the number may preclude fathers from taking the leave at the time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [51783/19]

To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of discussions in relation to pensions for persons (details supplied); the changes she will make to the Pensions Act 1990 and Social Welfare, Pensions and Civil Registration Bill 2017 to assist the pensioners in accessing pension payments. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51791/19]

To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal for a carer’s allowance by a person (details supplied); if their attention was drawn to the decision; and if payment will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [51797/19]

To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the date she received a copy of the report into the impact of reduced rates of jobseeker’s payments on the young unemployed aged under 26 years of age as committed to in Pathways to Work 2016-2020. — John Brady. [51806/19]

To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she received a draft copy of the report into the impact of reduced rates of jobseeker’s payments on the young unemployed under 26 years of age as committed to in Pathways to Work 2016-2020. — John Brady. [51807/19]
*647. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she had correspondence with her Department regarding the report into the impact of reduced rates of jobseeker’s payments on the young unemployed under 26 years of age as committed to in Pathways to Work 2016-2020; and if she sought a copy of the report from her Department. — John Brady. [51808/19]

*648. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she contacted her Department to query the delay to the report into the impact of reduced rates of jobseeker’s payments on the young unemployed under 26 years of age as committed to in Pathways to Work 2016-2020. — John Brady. [51809/19]

*649. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the date she plans to publish the report into the impact of reduced rates of jobseeker’s payments on the young unemployed under 26 years of age as committed to in Pathways to Work 2016-2020. — John Brady. [51810/19]

*650. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive a decision on an application; the reason for the delay in same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51818/19]

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

*651. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the business case which has been made to fund local authorities to rent from cuckoo funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51169/19]

*652. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount spent in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019 by local authorities on HAP; the estimated amount for 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51171/19]

*653. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons in receipt of HAP in County Kildare in each year since its inception in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [51717/19]

*654. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the action he has taken arising from a television programme (details supplied) which outlined serious planning and other issues in the quarry industry; his views on whether further legislation is required in this area; if he has received written complaints regarding the breach of planning laws or conditions of planning permission granted; if he is in receipt of complaints regarding the matter relevant to quarries in County Laois; if he is satisfied that local authorities have responded in a positive and constructive way to the ministerial policy directive issued in May 2013 under section 29 of the Planning and Development Act 2000; and the number of reviews of the performance by planning authorities undertaken by the planning regulator under section 31P of the Act. — John McGuinness. [51795/19]

*655. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the formal appointment of two local government officials at senior executive officer level will be made to manage planning and development issues in Drogheda and Dundalk, County Louth in view of the status of both towns as development centres; if his Department will fund salaries for the positions; the timeframe for the creation of a draft local area plan for the area of Drogheda, County Louth bordering County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [51092/19]
*656. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the public sector benchmark exercise for bundle 1 of the PPP social housing scheme will be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51137/19]

*657. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average unit price paid for social housing new builds, turnkeys and acquisitions for each scheme funded by his Department in 2018, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51168/19]

*658. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if Limerick City and County Council will be included in the pyrite remediation scheme; the eligibility criteria for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O’Donovan. [51182/19]

*659. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the action he has taken to include a feasibility study on the recommendation in the recent Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly recommendation to complete the construction of MetroLink from Swords to Sandyford and to UCD and Knocklyon from Charlemont; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51187/19]

*660. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the provision of a new grant scheme to upgrade domestic septic tanks; his views on the fact that work on the new scheme has been at an advanced stage for some time with no information forthcoming; when it is expected the new scheme will be launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [51229/19]

*661. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of applications made each year to date under the buy and renew scheme in County Donegal; the number of successful applications to date; the number of properties in County Donegal secured under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51231/19]

*662. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount Mayo County Council requested from his Department for housing initiatives in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by year and housing initiative. — Lisa Chambers. [51241/19]

*663. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if concerns and or issues were raised regarding the ground works and or rising walls construction phase of a project (details supplied) in respect of quarterly meetings held between Wicklow County Council and his Department in 2019; the timeline in respect of the completion date and delivery of project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [51243/19]

*664. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason the definition of a first-time buyer under the Stamp Duty Consolidation Act 1999 does not apply to a Rebuilding Ireland loan applicant (details supplied); if the application will be re-examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51248/19]

*665. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount provided to Mayo County Council in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019 for all housing initiatives. — Lisa Chambers. [51277/19]

*666. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding allocated to Louth County Council for fire services in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Gerry Adams. [51301/19]
*667. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of fire personnel stationed in County Louth. — Gerry Adams. [51302/19]

*668. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of decisions to grant permission to construct one-off houses that were subsequently appealed to An Bord Pleanála by county in 2016, in tabular form; when the decision to grant was subsequently withdrawn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O’Donovan. [51367/19]

*669. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the original targets for housing schemes (details supplied) from the €70 million rolling fund; and the number of units delivered under each scheme to date in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51373/19]

*670. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches planned by his Department for the first six months of 2020; the budgeted costs of these campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51413/19]

*671. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the data sharing agreements his Department has in place with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; the purpose of these data sharing agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51430/19]

*672. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of freedom of information requests in which his Department made a decision to deny; and the number in which the Information Commissioner overturned the decision of his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Jack Chambers. [51464/19]

*673. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the agencies or organisations under the remit of his Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have an obligation to appear before committees of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — James Browne. [51498/19]

*674. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the budget and number of staff working in his Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51569/19]

*675. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to claims for ground rent that are being pursued against residents of a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [51687/19]

*676. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has visited the North Lotts SDZ area to observe the impact major large scale developments are having on long established residential properties in the area; the way in which he can address the lack of affordability of new builds in the SDZ which is effectively pricing long established communities out of the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51706/19]

*677. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when a social housing development (details supplied) will be approved to award a contract to construct following the furnishing of a tender report to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [51712/19]
*678. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there is a remedy available for a person that is the victim of sub-standard building work relating to the construction of their new home; if a channel of recourse is open to the homeowner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51781/19]

*679. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans in place for reforms to the fair deal scheme and vacant homes as outlined in a statement (details supplied). — John Brady. [51812/19]

*680. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he is satisfied with the staffing levels of An Bord Pleanála in order to deal effectively with the large number of planning applications and planning appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [51847/19]

*681. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he is taking to encourage the use of vacant housing in villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51108/19]

*682. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of children that have spent time in homeless services over the past five years by age groups of 0 to 5, 5 to 10 and 10 to 16 years of age; the length of time each child has spent in homeless services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51879/19]

*683. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the €20 million allocation for retrofitting homes in the midlands under the Just Transition plan is funding from the SEAI or from other sources; the amount which will be spent in 2020 and thereafter; the counties to which the allocation will be targeted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49389/19]

*684. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if assistance is available for persons residing in a housing estate (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [51799/19]

*685. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on whether in view of the severity of the current housing crisis, more aggressive vacant site tax is needed to prevent hoarding and speculation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46680/19]

*686. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on whether the local property tax has failed to generate additional funding for local government and services since its introduction; his further views on whether an alternative method of funding local government is now needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46681/19]

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

*687. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the built heritage investment scheme or the historic structures fund covers the replacement of thatched roofs on private homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51129/19]
*688. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the counsel of her Department has ceased agreeing to the series of adjournments made in the case of a review (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51220/19]

*689. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the advertising campaigns, promotional events and launches planned by her Department for the first six months of 2020; the budgeted costs of these campaigns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51406/19]

*690. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the data sharing agreements her Department has in place with organisations that are not other Departments or State agencies; the purpose of these data sharing agreements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [51423/19]

*691. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of freedom of information requests in which her Department made a decision to deny; and the number in which the Information Commissioner overturned the decision of her Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — Jack Chambers. [51457/19]

*692. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the agencies or organisations under the remit of her Department; the number that have boards; the number of positions on each board; the number of vacant positions; and the agencies or organisations that have boards whose members have an obligation to appear before committees of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — James Browne. [51491/19]

*693. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the budget and number of staff working in her Department in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51562/19]

*694. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the regulated coursing matches approved by the fixtures committee at a club (details supplied) for the 2019/2020 season; and the basis on which other coursing matches can take place. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51721/19]

*695. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the progress made on making Ireland a global hub for film, television drama and animation since the launch of the audiovisual action plan in 2018 with a particular reference to the growing animation sector in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [51769/19]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 2019

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Reform Programme run by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51636/19]

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2. To ask the Taoiseach if there have been additions or changes on the agreement with the independent Teachtaí Dála. — Michael Moynihan. [51848/19]

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

3. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the monitoring in place to ensure that local authority homes that have received a thermal upgrade reach an improved BER rating; if a survey is carried out to measure the improvement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [51802/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 49 of 18 September 2019, the agreed work programme for the Galway Social Housing Taskforce; the reports completed to date by the taskforce; if the minutes of the meetings held to date will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51819/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of new build homes to be completed by each local authority by the end of 2019. — Paul Murphy. [51370/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which he plans to address the issue of social housing for persons with mental health issues; his plans to provide additional housing in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51111/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to change the conditions of the tenant purchase incremental scheme 2016 due to the small take-up of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [51115/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he will take to progress the Thirty-fifth Amendment of the Constitution Water in Public Ownership (No.1) Bill 2016 seeking to place the right to water in the Constitution; the reason for the delay to date in moving forward with the legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51222/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has read the recent report on the effect of homelessness on the development of children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51871/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if housing schemes which were listed on the original LIHAF scheme and submitted by the local authority can be prioritised for funding under the urban regeneration fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51875/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the promised new tenant purchase scheme will be published and activated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [51804/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extent to which the number of families on local authority housing lists and deemed to be homeless for any reason;
his plans to meet their housing requirements in the short and medium-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51827/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he is taking to encourage the use of vacant housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51107/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average length of time families are being kept in family hubs before being accommodated in housing; the number of exits from family hubs in each year; the reason for the exits, for example, housed, exit into HAP tenancy, exited homeless services, housed in voluntary housing body or local authority housing and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51109/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of children in emergency accommodation in each local authority area; the average period of time spent by children in accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51864/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the review group of establishing a special purpose vehicle to enable credit union funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh Ó’Brien. [51866/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider introducing a one stop shop for homeowners that discover latent defects which would provide information, advice, mediation and adjudication to ensure that in the first instance the developer responsible for the defects covers the remediation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51758/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount spent by local authorities since 2017 on retrofitting; and the number of houses that have been retrofitted by each local authority. — Sean Sherlock. [49434/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the land and homes on a site (details supplied) will remain in public ownership into the future in view of the possible transfer of a site to the Land Development Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51873/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the recent large-scale boil water notice that affected over 600,000 residents in counties Meath, Kildare and Dublin; the measures undertaken to prevent such an occurrence again; the steps taken to ensure that residents have a clean, safe and reliable water supply; and if the EPA recommendations have been acted upon. — Thomas Byrne. [51855/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of work within his Department and local authorities for the provision of serviced sites particularly in rural areas to assist with the delivery of affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [51859/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of direct build and new local authority houses rented to tenants in each of the past four years to date by county; the number of houses purchased by each local authority for allocation to tenants in the same period; the number of houses acquired by local authorities for such allocation under part five; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51826/19]
23. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the implementation of the MICA redress scheme for affected homeowners in County Donegal; the progress made to date with regard to the implementation arrangements with Donegal County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51221/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if income limits for access to the social housing waiting lists will be examined in view of recent reports that show the difficulty of persons accessing affordable housing and the inability of many to qualify for mortgages but that are above income limits for local authority housing waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51863/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to address the funding shortfall experienced by several city and county councils following the change in Irish Water rate funding; and the way in which he plans to tackle same on a long-term basis. — Shane Cassells. [51858/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he is satisfied with the number of sites listed on the vacant site registers of local authorities; his views on whether each site that should be on the register has been listed and are subject to the levy; if he will consider putting the onus of such sites to self-declare with appropriate penalties on those that fail to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [51801/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount of water private bottled water companies extract here; the locations in which they extract water; the amount they pay for extraction; the person or body they pay; if they are exempted from payment; if the information is not available, if a small scoping group will be set up to report to Dáil Éireann in relation to same. — Joan Collins. [51798/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the new rural planning guidelines will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [51868/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the Housing Delivery Office; the relationship of the office with the Land Development Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [51865/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the role of his Department in the provision of a dangerous substance officer within county councils; the role of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51135/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the fact that the quorum in An Bord Pleanála is only three members which means that two members of the Bord are making decisions on major planning applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51870/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the findings of a report published by an organisation (details supplied); the way in which he plans to address the concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51704/19]
33. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider amendments to the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2019 in order that the expiry date of each deemed and designated RPZ can be reviewed prior to 31 December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [51800/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the summary of the 2019 social housing needs assessment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51755/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans for the implementation of the Seanad Reform Group proposals; and the timeline for same. — Shane Cassells. [51857/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to ensure the figures of those on the RAS and HAP transfer lists are included on the list of those awaiting social housing by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51874/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the most up-to-date figures on the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; the number of loans applied for; the number of loans approved; the number drawn down; and the average loan amount in the three categories. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51757/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the next opportunity for applications under the urban regeneration fund will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51876/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the taking in charge of housing estates process will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51117/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to have the revised amendment wording ready to bring to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Planning and Local Government on the 35th Amendment of the Constitution (Water in Public Ownership) (No. 2) Bill 2016. — Joan Collins. [51760/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if funding will be considered for a second bridge into Newbridge, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [46783/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason for progressing the housing and planning and development (amendment) Bill; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Bill adds many requirements and restrictions that will make it much harder for persons and environmental NGOs to take cases against developments; the way in which he can address the various concerns outlined by NGOs and private citizens regarding the fundamental changes to the current system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51705/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the fact the CEO of Dublin City Council is proposing that depot sites be sold to facilitate the capital programme (details supplied); the reason it is not policy to use appropriate public land held by the council to build public housing in view of the housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [51825/19]
44. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has had meetings with Louth County Council regarding an anomaly by which County Louth is the only local authority to have three different rateable values in view of the detrimental effect this is having on businesses in some parts of the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [50131/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to introduce new rural housing guidelines in view of the Flemish Decree judgement made by the European Court of Justice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [51116/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the provision of affordable housing schemes nationwide and particularly in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [51860/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of new builds undertaken by his Department and or local authorities by county in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51136/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to ensure that Meath County Council has sufficient funding to approve applications for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [51856/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the new build targets set by Galway City Council and Galway County Councils in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number built by each local authority in each of the years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51820/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which he plans to fund the affordable cost-rental project in St Michael’s Estate, Inchicore, Dublin 8; and if the rents can be brought below €900 per month. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51756/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the most recent figures on the housing waiting list for four Dublin councils (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [51371/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the waiting times for processing of HAP applications by each local authority; the additional resources he will release to ensure that waiting times are reduced down to 1 to 2 weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51113/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the review of the tenant purchase scheme will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [51867/19]

54. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans with regard to the regulation of political advertising on social media platforms further to the recent meeting of the International Grand Committee on Disinformation and Fake News. — Eamon Ryan. [49415/19]

55. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which he plans to respond to the deterioration in the number of children without a permanent home (details supplied). — Michael Harty. [51276/19]
56. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to ensure that income eligibility for public housing is raised to ensure that those on middle incomes have access to safe and secure housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51872/19]

57. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of vacant privately-owned homes that have been brought back into use through programmes including the repair and lease and the acquisition of vacant properties through the Housing Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [51803/19]