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QUESTIONS
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]

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

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

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

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

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

11. 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]

12. To ask the Taoiseach if he or his officials have met the Northern Ireland political leaders in relation to the Northern Ireland Assembly. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51862/19]
13. 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]

14. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the EU reform proposals that the President of France is seeking to implement. — Brendan Howlin. [51615/19]
29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his contact with the UK Prime Minister. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51337/19]

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

31. To ask the Taoiseach the number and type of Cabinet committee meetings held since September 2019. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51338/19]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

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

36. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to review the €2 million eligibility spending threshold for single stage approval for local authority social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [51986/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the engagement he has had with the eight local authorities that have seen a combined loss of revenue of €20.9 million arising from the revaluation of commercial rates to Irish Water; and if additional funding will be provided from within his Department to mitigate the loss of the revenue to the councils. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52148/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when final guidance on cost-effective analysis cases will be issued to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [51987/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the delivery of affordable homes to rent and buy in the Poolbeg SDZ, the Clonburris SDZ and St. Michael’s Estate, Inchicore, Dublin 8; the details of the financing of the schemes; and if the financing by his Department of the schemes will deliver affordable homes to purchase at less than €250,000 and affordable homes to rent at less than €900 per month. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52149/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extra funding allocated to improve the energy ratings of local authority homes in addition to that already provided
under schemes that have been ongoing in recent years; the monitoring that takes place to ensure local authority tenants are protected from fuel poverty due to the condition of their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [52086/19]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

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

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]
50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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 O’Brien. [51866/19]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]
93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*96. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which his Department provides collective leadership to the Civil Service renewal programme. — Brendan Howlin. [51616/19]

*97. To ask the Taoiseach if he or his officials have met with political leaders from Northern Ireland in relation to the Northern Ireland Assembly. — Brendan Howlin. [51617/19]

*98. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committee that discusses agricultural matters; and when it last met. — Brendan Howlin. [51618/19]

*99. To ask the Taoiseach the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of his Department including advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52125/19]

*100. To ask the Taoiseach the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the commissioning, development, production, promotion and online sharing of a video which highlighted schemes and programmes operated by his Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 2020; and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52142/19]

*101. To ask the Taoiseach the associated costs incurred by his Department in hosting the special Cabinet meeting in Trim, County Meath on 6 December 2019; and the breakdown of the costs including transport, accommodation, food, drink, information technology, public relations and media in tabular form”. — Robert Troy. [52168/19]

*102. To ask the Taoiseach the Government of Ireland branded information initiatives to date in 2019 which carried out functions (details supplied) that involved advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; the level of expenditure for each initiative; and if his officials or officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade were involved in giving instructions and advice in promoting such initiatives. — Robert Troy. [52170/19]
*103. To ask the Taoiseach the Government of Ireland branded information initiatives planned in 2020 which will carry out functions (details supplied) which will involve advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each initiative. — Robert Troy. [52171/19]

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

*104. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of agency staff hired and or engaged in the past five years to date; the cost per year of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [52033/19]

*105. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the occasions on which he and each Minister used the Government jet from May 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the date of each trip; the location and purpose of each trip; the costs incurred in relation to the use of the aircraft for each trip in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [52045/19]

*106. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of his Department including advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52115/19]

*107. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the commissioning, development, production, promotion and online sharing of a video which highlighted schemes and programmes operated by his Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 2020; and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52132/19]

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

*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the severe cuts to defence and climate policy areas in view of the latest draft EU budget plans for 2021 to 2027 for the EU long-term budget; and if he has discussed same with his EU counterparts. — Micheál Martin. [51849/19]

*109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the implementation of the St. Andrews and Fresh Start Agreement. — Micheál Martin. [51853/19]

*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the meetings the special envoy to the United States of America has had since their appointment; the date and locations of meetings; the travel costs incurred as a consequence of their appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [52019/19]

*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the post-Brexit relationship talks planned as part of the December 2019 Foreign Affairs Council meeting; his policy objectives for same; and if he has met his officials to discuss same. — Micheál Martin. [51850/19]
*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of his Department including advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52119/19]

*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the commissioning, development, production, promotion and online sharing of a video which highlighted schemes and programmes operated by his Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 2020; and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52136/19]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*114. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the first-time buyers help to buy incentive scheme to cover second-hand houses and apartments and not just new builds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51925/19]

*115. To ask the Minister for Finance the percentage of illicit tobacco products and or non-Irish paid tobacco here in tabular form; the percentage of these products that are cigarettes, illicit whites or counterfeit; the relevant applicable breakdown for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51957/19]

*116. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether it is appropriate for the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman to acknowledge and respond to routine representations from members of the Houses of the Oireachtas; if the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman is obliged to have a dedicated e-mail address for Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas to make representations on behalf of persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51973/19]

*117. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of reintroducing the tax relief for trade union subscriptions based on 2010 figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [52001/19]

*118. To ask the Minister for Finance if accelerated capital allowances or other tax incentives are available for businesses which purchase and use newly manufactured fully electric mini diggers; if the matter will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [52021/19]

*119. To ask the Minister for Finance the legislative steps he is taking to ensure hypothecation of carbon tax revenues and ongoing allocation to climate-related expenditure; if his attention has been drawn to commitments set out in sections 6.6.3 and 6.8.3 of the 2019 report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Climate Action regarding the hypothecation of such revenues through legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [52077/19]

*120. To ask the Minister for Finance the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of his Department including advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52118/19]
*121. To ask the Minister for Finance the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the commissioning, development, production, promotion and online sharing of a video which highlighted schemes and programmes operated by his Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 2020; and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52135/19]

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

*122. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost of introducing a living wage of €12.30 per hour for all workers in the Civil Service. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51997/19]

*123. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost of introducing a living wage of €12.30 per hour for all workers in the public sector. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51998/19]

*124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the numbers of persons employed in the Civil Service. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51999/19]

*125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the numbers of persons employed in the public sector. — Maurice Quinlivan. [52000/19]

*126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the requirements set down by the Office of Government Procurement or other bodies for contracting parties to publish details on an annual basis or at other intervals of its activities in relation to public procurement using article 20 of the 2014 EU Public Procurement Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52014/19]

*127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the timeframe the social considerations advisory group is working towards for completion of its work on the incorporation of social considerations into public procurement projects; the progress made by the group on social considerations in relation to employment opportunities for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52015/19]

*128. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of vacant or derelict properties by county which are in the ownership of the State and under the management of the Office of Public Works. — John Deasy. [52059/19]

*129. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the funding and expenditure not spent by each Department and returned to the Exchequer in 2019. — Bríd Smith. [51923/19]

*130. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding OPW approval for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [52071/19]

*131. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when a person (details supplied) will receive an incremental salary payment owing based on service accrued in the European Civil Service at an analogous grade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kate O’Connell. [52093/19]
*132. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 176 of 15 October 2019, if the contract has been awarded; if so, when the contractors will be on site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52103/19]

*133. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 141 of 12 November 2019, if tenders have now been invited for the project; if so, the closing date for receipt of tenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52107/19]

*134. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of his Department including advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52123/19]

*135. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the commissioning, development, production, promotion and online sharing of a video which highlighted schemes and programmes operated by his Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 2020; and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52140/19]

*136. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the associated costs incurred by his Department and the Office of Public Works in hosting the special Cabinet meeting in Trim, County Meath on 6 December 2019, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [52169/19]

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

*137. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the pension entitlements to the spouse of a retired teacher in cases in which a teacher has retired in advance of a divorce from a first marriage and subsequently enters a second marriage also pre-retirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O’Rourke. [52024/19]

*138. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to reduce the pupil teacher ratio in DEIS band one schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51899/19]

*139. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the restrictions experienced by Irish citizens that do not meet the residency time limits criteria with regard to the lower tier of third-level registration and tuition fees; his plans to reform the regulation in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51984/19]

*140. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the staff to student ratio in publicly-funded higher education institutions here; the corresponding ratios from 2009 to 2014; the comparator figures from benchmark EU countries such as Denmark, Finland and the Netherlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52012/19]

*141. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application was received for emergency works submitted by a school (details supplied) in County Donegal; if so, when a decision is likely to be made with respect to the application; if his attention has been drawn to the need to have this project expedited in view of the unsuitable nature of the existing accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [52020/19]
*142. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps that can be taken by the family of a child (details supplied) in circumstances in which no suitable school place is available for them in September 2020. — Robert Troy. [52026/19]

*143. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [52030/19]

*144. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if suitable SNA supports will be allocated for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [52061/19]

*145. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a NEPS assessment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [52062/19]

*146. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [52088/19]

*147. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 183 of 19 November 2019, if the accommodation brief has been finalised; if so, the details of same; when a design team will be appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52094/19]

*148. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 182 of 19 November 2019, if an application for temporary accommodation has been lodged to deal with the shortage of school places for September 2020; if so, when a decision will be made on the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52095/19]

*149. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 154 of 12 November 2019, if there has been further progress in resolving the technical considerations; if a joint meeting has been held between his Department, Kildare County Council and the landowner to develop a framework and masterplan for the site; when a design team will be put in place for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52096/19]

*150. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 169 of 17 September 2019, if authorisation has issued to invite tenders for the project; if so, when tenders will be invited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52098/19]

*151. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 170 of 17 September 2019, if approval has now issued for the invitation of tenders for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52099/19]

*152. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 172 of 17 September 2019, if the accommodation brief has been finalised; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52100/19]

*153. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 153 of 12 November 2019, the number of tenders received for the building project by the closing date of the end of November 2019; the estimated time it will take to review the tenders and award a contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52101/19]
*154. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 156 of 12 November 2019, when work will be completed on the project in view of the fact a contractor is now on site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52102/19]

*155. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 96 of 24 October 2019, if a definitive date for completion of phase 1 of the project has been given; when phase two will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52104/19]

*156. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 95 of 24 October 2019, if stage one has been completed; if stage 2A has commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52108/19]

*157. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 175 of 17 September 2019, if approval has issued for the provision of additional mainstream and specialist accommodation for the school; if so, the details of the accommodation approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52109/19]

*158. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of his Department including advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52116/19]

*159. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the commissioning, development, production, promotion and online sharing of a video which highlighted schemes and programmes operated by his Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 2020; and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52133/19]

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

*160. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank attached to CPU, Coolock Garda Station, Dublin 5 as of 1 January 2019 and 2 December 2019, in tabular form; if the number of gardaí attached to the unit has decreased over the past 18 to 24 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51918/19]

*161. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of extra Garda public order unit vans allocated to the DMR north following the allocation of new public order unit vans early in summer 2019; the number of public order vans attached to DMR north as of 2 December 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51919/19]

*162. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of times an on-duty Garda vehicle has been involved in an accident while on duty to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51962/19]

*163. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the gambling control Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51965/19]

*164. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application by a person (details supplied) in view of the fact all documents have now been submitted as requested; if an update
on the matter will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52013/19]

*165. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the planned dates for attestation of probationary gardaí at Templemore in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52105/19]

*166. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of his Department including advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52122/19]

*167. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the commissioning, development, production, promotion and online sharing of a video which highlighted schemes and programmes operated by his Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 2020; and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52139/19]

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

*168. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the quota of 500 horticultural work permits has been filled; if she will increase the amount of work permits within the horticultural sector owing to labour shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51900/19]

*169. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the funding allocated to the Workplace Relations Commission in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the budget allocated for 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [52002/19]

*170. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of workplace relations inspectors employed in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number that will be employed in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [52003/19]

*171. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of staff employed by the Workplace Relations Commission and the Labour Court in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number that will be employed in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [52004/19]

*172. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the work she is undertaking to assist small businesses in the retail sector to develop an online presence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [52031/19]

*173. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the impact online shopping and digital transformation is having on the retail sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [52032/19]
*174. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the expenses incurred by her Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of her Department including advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52111/19]

*175. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the expenses incurred by her Department to date in 2019 for the commissioning, development, production, promotion and online sharing of a video which highlighted schemes and programmes operated by her Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 2020; and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52128/19]

*176. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the countries visited by her, her predecessors, the Minister of State with special responsibility for Trade, Employment, Business, the EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection and the Minister of State with special responsibility for Training, Skills, Innovation, Research and Development since May 2016; and the travel, phone and accommodation costs incurred for each visit in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [52172/19]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*177. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the mindout mental health programme in secondary schools; the areas in which the programme is being implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [52076/19]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 350 of 15 October 2019 and 160 of 23 October 2019, if he has received a briefing from his officials on the HSE valproate response project report; if a decision has been made to publish or not publish the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51897/19]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements made to replace a person (details supplied) that is due to leave their position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [51902/19]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that they have been on the waiting list for over three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O’Rourke. [51913/19]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a procedure; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51917/19]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to receive an appointment at Galway University Hospital for a procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51926/19]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51927/19]
*184. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive an appointment for psychiatric services in view of the length of time they have been on the waiting list. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [51929/19]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective surgeries cancelled in each hospital in each month January to November 2019; and the reason for cancellation in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [51930/19]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patient discharges from hospitals in which patients were discharged to no fixed address including bed and breakfasts, hostels, hotels and so on to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [51931/19]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons treated for gambling addiction to date in 2019. — Louise O’Reilly. [51932/19]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health if he will undertake a dedicated nationwide gambling prevalence survey in order to identify the number of problem gamblers, ascertain the scale of problem gambling and put the correct supports in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51933/19]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds in the National Rehabilitation Hospital; the number occupied, empty and closed, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51934/19]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health if funding issues are causing beds at the National Rehabilitation Hospital to remain empty or not staffed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51935/19]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 716 and 717 of 26 July 2017, the number of medical facilities including maternity theatres, hospital wards, surgical theatres and so on built by the State but that have never been opened or become operational; the location of same; the length of time they have been closed or non-operational; the reason they are not in operation in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51936/19]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health the number of day respite care sessions provided to date in 2019; and the way in which this compares with 2018 by CHO and LHO in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [51937/19]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health the number of overnight respite care sessions provided to date in 2019; and the way in which this compares with 2018 by CHO and LHO in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [51938/19]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cataract surgeries cancelled nationally by hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date 2019, in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [51939/19]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ENT surgeries cancelled for children nationally by hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date 2019, in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [51940/19]
*196. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on ENT surgery waiting lists nationally by hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date 2019, in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [51941/19]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time each person has been on the waiting list for cataract surgery nationally by hospital; the length of time they have been waiting by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51942/19]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health the medically advised waiting time for cataract surgeries compared to the waiting times for cataract surgeries nationally and by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51943/19]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by LHO in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [51944/19]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy first-time assessment waiting list in each local health office area; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 4 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 or more years of age, respectively in each category in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [51945/19]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy first-time assessment waiting list; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged under 4, 4 to 17, 18 to 64 and more than 65 years of age, respectively by category and by LHO in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [51946/19]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the speech and language therapy initial assessment waiting list; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by LHO in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [51947/19]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by LHO in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [51948/19]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against frontline staff including nurses, doctors, social workers, ambulance staff and other health professionals to date in 2019, by hospital, geographic location and profession in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51949/19]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health the operational status of each primary care centre under construction, planning phase, opened and so on; the healthcare and medical staff working in each operational primary care centre by occupation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51950/19]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health the additional beds opened under the Winter Plan 2019/2020 to date; the hospitals the beds are located in; the number open in each hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51951/19]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health his future plans for the site of Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital, Crumlin; if the hospital will remain in use within the public health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51952/19]
*208. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed maternity hospital to be co-located at the St. James’s Hospital site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51953/19]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the new national maternity hospital to be co-located at the St. Vincent’s University Hospital site; if he has been contacted by the Vatican or the religious orders on matters in relation to the hospital; if so, their response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51954/19]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health if a compulsory purchase order of the lands at St. Vincent’s University Hospital has been considered in view of possible opposition to the new national maternity hospital by the Vatican; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51955/19]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health the most up-to-date evidence and advice in relation to e-cigarettes; when same will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51956/19]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health the spend on agency staff in the health service from January to November 2019 by occupation, hospital and community healthcare organisation in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51958/19]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times a full-capacity protocol was invoked to date in 2019, by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51959/19]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health the emergency department waiting times greater than 24 hours for persons over 75 years of age to date in 2019; if the targets were met; if not, the number of persons over 75 years of age that had a wait of more than 24 hours in an emergency department to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51960/19]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times an on-duty ambulance, rapid response vehicle or intermediate care vehicle has been involved in an accident while on duty to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51961/19]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by the HSE and his Department on external public relations companies to date in 2019, in tabular form; the name of each company; the service provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51963/19]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to help treat persons with gambling addiction in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [51964/19]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health if the pharmacy cuts set to be imposed which will see the service of phased medication for vulnerable persons significantly reduced or wiped out will be overturned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [51967/19]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding access to medicines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51969/19]
*220. To ask the Minister for Health if an application by a person (details supplied) for inclusion on the fair deal scheme will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [51974/19]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health the outcome of his recent meeting with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51975/19]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a procedure; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51977/19]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a nurse (details supplied) at Cavan General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51978/19]

*224. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards in issue in which the entitlement arises under EU regulations in respect of persons in receipt of a social security pension from another country in the EU, the EEA or Switzerland or that are working and paying social insurance in one of the countries; the relevant countries in this regard in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51985/19]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the new children’s hospital has chosen to install a surveillance system (details supplied) including specialised facial recognition cameras; the further reason it was decided to use facial recognition cameras; and his views on whether it is necessary or acceptable. — Louise O’Reilly. [51995/19]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is acceptable that the new national children’s hospital will install a surveillance system manufactured by a company (details supplied) including specialised facial recognition cameras in view of the recent human rights sanctions and alleged control of the company by the Chinese government. — Louise O’Reilly. [51996/19]

*227. To ask the Minister for Health if he has secured funding for an organisation (details supplied) which is the first disabled persons organisation here and the only one to be comprised of and directed solely by persons with intellectual disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [52005/19]

*228. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting 1 week, 1, 3, 6 and 12 months, respectively to be discharged from each hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [52006/19]

*229. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation plan of his Department and the HSE to accompany the review report by the HSE of hospital car parking charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [52007/19]

*230. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body responsible for the implementation of the HSE report on Lymphoedema and Lipoedema Treatment in Ireland 2018; the details of the implementation plan; the timeline for same; his plans to ensure access to services for lymphoedema, primary and secondary patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [52011/19]

*231. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the consultation with service providers in relation to safe access to termination of pregnancy services and safe access zones around the...
facilities of service providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [52016/19]

*232. To ask the Minister for Health the status of his commitment to provide universal access to contraception; if a decision has been made in relation to the three policy approaches identified by the Working Group on Access to Contraception in its report; his plans to implement the policy; the timeframe for the development and roll out of a contraception scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [52017/19]

*233. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive speech and language therapy. — Pat Deering. [52023/19]

*234. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in approving a mobility scooter for a person (details supplied). — Maurice Quinlivan. [52029/19]

*235. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure for deciding the hospital to which a patient is brought to in an ambulance; if the decision can be given to the doctor that calls the ambulance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [52034/19]

*236. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to ensure the swift provision of new medicines to persons with multiple sclerosis. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [52035/19]

*237. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the continued delay in access to medication for persons with multiple sclerosis in view of the fact drugs have recently become available and accessible in other EU countries, for example, siponimod; the steps he will take to expedite access of such drugs for patients; and the timeframe for same. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [52036/19]

*238. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to replace the only pain management consultant (details supplied) here for children when they vacate their post at the end of 2019; his further plans to ensure immediate funding for a multi-disciplinary team for pain management clinics in children’s hospitals here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [52037/19]

*239. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received a request from organisations (details supplied) seeking a meeting; if so, if the meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible in order to discuss matters pertaining to a recently finalised report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [52057/19]

*240. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter regarding a nursing home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52068/19]

*241. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52070/19]

*242. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for extra home help by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52072/19]

*243. To ask the Minister for Health when the first beds will have patients in them at the modular unit development at South Tipperary General Hospital; the number of beds which will be operational on that date; the sequence, date and number of beds by phase until the 40 bed unit is fully operational; the difficulties including recruitment that could see the 40 bed unit not fully
operational by the end of February 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52075/19]

*244. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to sustain the programme of individual placement and support beyond the service reform fund funding period; if joint funding with the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection has been considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [52083/19]

*245. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to allow nicotine patches on the drug payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kate O’Connell. [52090/19]

*246. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the group home in Carrickmacross, County Monaghan has not opened since it was completed in 2016 and 2017; when the home will open; and if it will have the necessary resources and funding it needs to assist the persons that need services. — Louise O’Reilly. [52092/19]

*247. To ask the Minister for Health the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of his Department including advertising and promotion on tv, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52120/19]

*248. To ask the Minister for Health the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the commissioning, development, production, promotion and online sharing of a video which highlighted schemes and programmes operated by his Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 2020; and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52137/19]

*249. To ask the Minister for Health when he will enter negotiations with an organisation (details supplied) regarding the provision of a new pharmacy contract which will improve the sustainability of the service and expand the range of community pharmacy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [52167/19]

*250. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to incorporate into his women’s health task force the concerns and views of women that were adopted and therefore have no access to their biological medical information (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [52176/19]

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

*251. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a group (details supplied) will be included in the Beef Markets Taskforce talks which commenced in December 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [51911/19]

*252. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made on the review of a decision of an appeal by a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51916/19]

*253. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if section 9.2 of the terms and conditions of the beef exceptional aid measure can be changed to ensure that the immediate previous owner of an animal presented for slaughter within 30 days of it being purchased would receive the
€100 payment regardless of whether the person that purchased the animal was an agent, dealer or farmer; his views on whether the terms and conditions are fair in circumstances in which an animal can be purchased and killed from a farm herd number within 30 days of it being purchased and the new owner can receive the €100 payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [51966/19]

*254. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the licensed depuration facilities available to aquaculture producers around the Irish coast; and if Bord Iascaigh Mhara is considering proposals or funding programmes to increase the number of such decontamination sites. — John Deasy. [52060/19]

*255. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52087/19]

*256. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of his Department including advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52110/19]

*257. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the commissioning, development, production, promotion and online sharing of a video which highlighted schemes and programmes operated by his Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 2020; and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52127/19]

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

*258. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the specific actions he is taking to protect public health in response to EPA monitoring data which shows dangerous levels of air pollution in several towns due to burning of residential solid fuel (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [52078/19]

*259. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has spoken with EU leaders particularly the UK and Italy regarding the use of technology (details supplied) in view of the reports following the NATO conference held in London recently. — Micheál Martin. [51852/19]

*260. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the provision of broadband for a person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51915/19]

*261. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to reintroduce a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [51972/19]

*262. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the terms of reference of the review of energy security and sustainability will be published; if he will
undertake a public consultation as part of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [52079/19]

*263. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the specific actions he will take to prevent conflicts of interest in evaluating the suitability of actions and investments by State bodies in relation to the review of energy security; if he will examine the long-term security of energy supply that is provided by increasing energy efficiency and penetration of renewable energies; if the review will address the risk to the security of supply of possible stranded assets in the energy sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [52080/19]

*264. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of his engagement including meetings held with small and medium business organisations, coffee shop owners, waste companies and environmental NGOs in relation to levies proposed for disposable cups prior to the commencement of the public consultation on proposed levies announced on 6 November 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [52081/19]

*265. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 533 of 17 September 2019, if tenders have now been invited for the project; the closing date for receipt of tenders; the number of contractors invited to tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52097/19]

*266. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of his Department including advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52113/19]

*267. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the commissioning, development, production, promotion and online sharing of a video which highlighted schemes and programmes operated by his Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 2020; and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52130/19]

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

*268. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there are limits on the number of passengers an intercity or passenger train can carry; if they are communicated to station staff and passengers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [51920/19]

*269. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the relevant health and safety legislation or regulations which apply to the operation of train carriages. — Marc MacSharry. [51921/19]

*270. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Irish Rail maintains public liability insurance for its passengers; and if so, if the insurance policy sets out passenger limits that must be obeyed. — Marc MacSharry. [51922/19]

*271. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has engaged with the Road Safety Authority regarding the decision to turn off lights near the number 17 junction near Athenry,
County Galway; and if safety assessments were carried out in advance of this decision. — Marc MacSharry. [51979/19]

*272. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the slipway and sleeper lanes in the area near the M6 Plaza have been closed; if this has an impact on road safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [51980/19]

*273. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the planned cycling design office planned to be operational during quarter 4 of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [52008/19]

*274. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a company (details supplied) that has taken over routes in County Kildare is continuing with the same service routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [52038/19]

*275. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if an official timetable will be provided for the routes in County Kildare taken over by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [52039/19]

*276. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the sponsorship deal for the public bike scheme in counties Cork, Limerick and Galway is due to expire; and when talks will commence on the renewal of same. — Sean Sherlock. [52074/19]

*277. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 165 of 26 September 2019, when the projects which will be grant-aided under the large-scale sport infrastructure fund will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52106/19]

*278. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of his Department including advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52126/19]

*279. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the commissioning, development, production, promotion and online sharing of a video which highlighted schemes and programmes operated by his Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 2020; and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52143/19]

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

*280. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention was drawn to the number of adoptees here; the percentage of those that also had a sibling that was placed for adoption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [52173/19]

*281. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the policy in place allowing the automatic disclosure to an adoptee that they have a sibling that was also placed for adoption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [52174/19]
*282. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the screening in place for adoptees in view of the fact adoptees have no access to their medical background or genetic information; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [52175/19]

*283. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of unregistered créches in operation in each county in tabular form; the length of time they are in operation; if they are in the registration process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [51898/19]

*284. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the cost of a service (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [51912/19]

*285. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the expenses incurred by her Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of her Department including advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52112/19]

*286. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the expenses incurred by her Department to date in 2019 for the commissioning, development, production, promotion and online sharing of a video which highlighted schemes and programmes operated by her Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 2020; and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52129/19]

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

*287. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of his Department including advertising and promotion on tv, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52124/19]

*288. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the commissioning, development, production, promotion and online sharing of a video which highlighted schemes and programmes operated by his Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 2020; and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52141/19]

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

*289. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress of the community employment supervisors pension claim in relation to the sanctioning of funding for the community employment supervisors pension gratuity claim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [51968/19]

*290. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when illness benefit payments will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Barrett. [51901/19]
*291. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 466 of 26 November 2019, if a companion free travel pass application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [51914/19]

*292. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to a carer’s allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51928/19]

*293. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when she will inform major stakeholders on foot of the completed interdepartmental review with regard to labour activation schemes; when she plans to publish the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [51970/19]

*294. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to improve the income for persons on the State pension living alone in view of the fact that most of the costs they incur are the same as in households with two pensioners; her plans to address the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [51983/19]

*295. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the social inclusion strategy Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2019-2025 which was due for publication in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [52009/19]

*296. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of providing an additional 1, 2 and 3 weeks fuel allowance to those that are also in receipt of the over 80s allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [52022/19]

*297. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of providing a single additional monthly child benefit payment to parents on the birth of their first child only; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [52025/19]

*298. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if correspondence has been received from a union (details supplied) regarding increases in the State pension age; the estimated cost of implementing its 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. — Willie O’Dea. [52027/19]

*299. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the interdepartmental review into community employment schemes; when the outcome of the review will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [52028/19]

*300. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance suspension in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52069/19]

*301. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to sustain the programme of individual placement and support beyond the service reform fund funding period; if individual placement and support falls under the comprehensive employment strategy for which she is responsible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [52082/19]
*302. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the expenses incurred by her Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of her Department including advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52117/19]

*303. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the expenses incurred by her Department to date in 2019 for the commissioning, development, production, promotion and online sharing of a video which highlighted schemes and programmes operated by her Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 2020; and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52134/19]

*304. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the measures being put in place for the provision of a pension scheme for community employment supervisors and assistant supervisors under the community employment programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [52166/19]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the second income of a person arising from a retained firefighter role can be taken into consideration as guaranteed income as part of a Rebuilding Ireland home loan application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51924/19]

*306. 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. [51988/19]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a mapping issue (details supplied) which is currently with the Land Registry will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [51976/19]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to introduce cost-to-rental housing as part of future local authority or approved housing body housing developments in counties Laois and Offaly. — Brian Stanley. [51981/19]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the income thresholds for social housing in counties Laois and Offaly will be increased to take account of the situation with wages and house prices. — Brian Stanley. [51982/19]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of applications for the home loan scheme received by South Dublin County Council; the number of applications approved; the number declined; the number of applications that successfully drew down a loan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [52010/19]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of homeless families and children in each county in December 2018 and each month to date in 2019. — Gerry Adams. [52089/19]
*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of homes allocated by each local authority in the past 12 months in tabular form; the number of refusals of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [52091/19]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of his Department including advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52121/19]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the expenses incurred by his Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated by his Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 202; , and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52138/19]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to meet the housing needs of those in emergency housing accommodation or homeless in the course of the next 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52155/19]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extent to which he expects to be in a position to meet the housing needs of those on local authority housing lists nationwide in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52156/19]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of houses likely to become available to homeless families by county in the course of the next 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52157/19]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extent to which sites serviced or unserviced can be made available by county to assist families that may be able to provide their own houses on such sites if available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52158/19]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of Rebuilding Ireland home loans likely to become available to suitable applicants nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52159/19]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to adjust income limits for applicants for Rebuilding Ireland home loans in order to aggressively deal with the housing shortage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52160/19]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to dramatically increase the number and availability of Rebuilding Ireland home loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52161/19]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of families likely to qualify for local authority houses in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52162/19]
*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the action he will take in terms of reform to address the issue of families having to spend more than half the family income to meet rent payments; if provision will be made in which families can compete with investors in the market place to provide themselves with a home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52163/19]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount of local authority owned potential building lands available for local authority affordable housing in the greater Dublin area with particular reference to those counties adjacent to Dublin; if particular reasons have emerged which may inhibit progress of a major house building campaign to meet the demands of the local authority waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52164/19]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if income qualification thresholds for local authority houses are likely to be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52165/19]

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

*326. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on a matter in relation to the property of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51994/19]

*327. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the expenses incurred by her Department to date in 2019 for the implementation of ongoing communications strategy initiatives which highlight schemes and programmes operated under the auspices of her Department including advertising and promotion on television, radio, newspapers and online in tabular form; and the level of expenditure for each such initiative. — Robert Troy. [52114/19]

*328. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the expenses incurred by her Department to date in 2019 for the commissioning, development, production, promotion and online sharing of a video which highlighted schemes and programmes operated by her Department in tabular form; if such videos have been commissioned for 2020; and if so, the estimated costs of each such video. — Robert Troy. [52131/19]

CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍÓDH UAIN DÓIBH, I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 12 NOLLAIG, 2019
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 2019

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

I. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the important cultural and heritage projects of 2019; the extent to which she expects these and other projects to progress in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52084/19]
2. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cé mhéad oifigigh óige atá ag freastal ar na ceantair Ghaeltachta éagsúla; an bhfuil siad lárnaimseartha nó páirtaimseartha; an bhfuil folúntais ann; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaoibh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52144/19]

3. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of preparations for the launch of Galway 2020; the consideration given to the legacy of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegarde Naughton. [51889/19]

4. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cad é stádas Bille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2017; cén dáta a fhoilseofar an Bille; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaoibh. — Catherine Connolly. [51989/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding available for built heritage projects in County Kildare in 2020; the drawdown of funds for such projects in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [51904/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the amount spent in 2019 on social media and digital advertising; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52153/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the relocation of turfcutters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51119/19]

8. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil sé i gceist aici athruithe a dhéanamh ar an scéim deontas le haghaidh ollscoileanna thar sáile ina muintear an Ghaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaoibh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [51124/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans for the rehabilitation of bogs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51118/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the assistance her Department can provide to cultural festivals and venues that are faced with closure due to spiralling insurance costs; if she has raised the challenge to cultural life with the insurance industry representatives and the Ministers for Business, Enterprise and Innovation and Finance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51908/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason there has been no announcement of the planned State and State-sponsored Decade of Centenaries 2013-2023 commemorative events for 2020. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51907/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the definition of regulated coursing matches requires clubs to comply with rules 11 and 13 of a club (details supplied) specifically in relation to the Open Seasons Order for which she has sole responsibility. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51892/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when the reconfigured Moore Street advisory group as recommended in the Moore Street progress report 2 which she received in August 2019 will be announced. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51906/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the resources being given to Traveller culture; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [52147/19]
15. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when she plans to commence the National Archives (Amendment) Act 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52151/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of funding to promote biodiversity in County Kildare including supports for Kildare County Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [51905/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of her plans related to biodiversity and nature; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51122/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of times the legacy committee of Galway 2020 has met; the progress made in securing long-term arts infrastructure for the county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51991/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question No. 262 of 19 September 2019, the status of the report on the assessment of the hare population here; if full protection will now be granted to the Irish hare; the status of the RHD2 outbreak and the control of the outbreak; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51121/19]

20. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an stádas agus sonraí, an praghas san áireamh, an chonartha maidir le ceannach Aerfort na Mine i gContae na Gaillimhe; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaoibh. — Catherine Connolly. [51990/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of support for biodiversity projects in counties Longford and Westmeath. — Peter Burke. [51896/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when she plans to reconvene and reconstitute the Moore Street advisory committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [51125/19]

23. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta míniú a thabhairt ar chaiteachas na Roinne ar Chlár na Leabhar Gaeilge agus a mbaineann leis trí Fhoras na Gaeilge. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51910/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the night-time cultural policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52154/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to promote biodiversity conservation and restoration to stop the current trajectory of biodiversity loss; her plans to ensure 30% of the territory of the State consists of natural areas by 2030 and for 30% of degraded ecosystems to be restored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [52067/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will consider the establishment of a peatlands national park and nature reserve; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [51971/19]
27. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question No. 38 of 12 June 2018, the steps she has taken to ensure that a circus (details supplied), which is due to play a critical role in a showpiece event of the Galway 2020 European Capital of Culture celebrations, will not close; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51993/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans for the Hill of Tara. — Thomas Byrne. [51895/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to promote the protection of hedgerows during the upcoming hedgerow maintenance period to ensure they are maintained in terms of their biodiversity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [52066/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she has considered the merits of having a more advanced announcement of the National Famine Memorial Day and location in order to allow many of the diaspora that are citizens of other states as a direct result of the impact of the Great Famine to travel to the commemoration and book in advance; if she will progress a specific famine museum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51893/19]

31. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an léireoidh sí, i bhfoirm tábla, caiteachas na Roine ar áiseanna pobail agus spóirt sna Gaeltachtá éagsúla do na blianta 2014-2019, agus na blianta sin san áireamh; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52145/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the precarious nature of work in the arts means that many artists, writers, musicians and actors are particularly affected by the housing crisis and are often part of the hidden homeless phenomenon (details supplied); her views on the important role that these workers play; if she will work with artists to address the housing and other issues of poverty; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [51891/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding available for promoting and translating Irish literature abroad; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52150/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which she proposes to focus on the protection of endangered species of birds and animals for the future, with particular reference to the possibility of preventing further endangerment for such species; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52085/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the progress to date on the transfer of the National Symphony Orchestra to the remit of the National Concert Hall; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [52065/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she has met recently with a group (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52152/19]
37. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the interdepartmental committee on the islands; the consideration given to having island communities directly represented on the committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51992/19]

38. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to make the Irish language more viable in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [51894/19]